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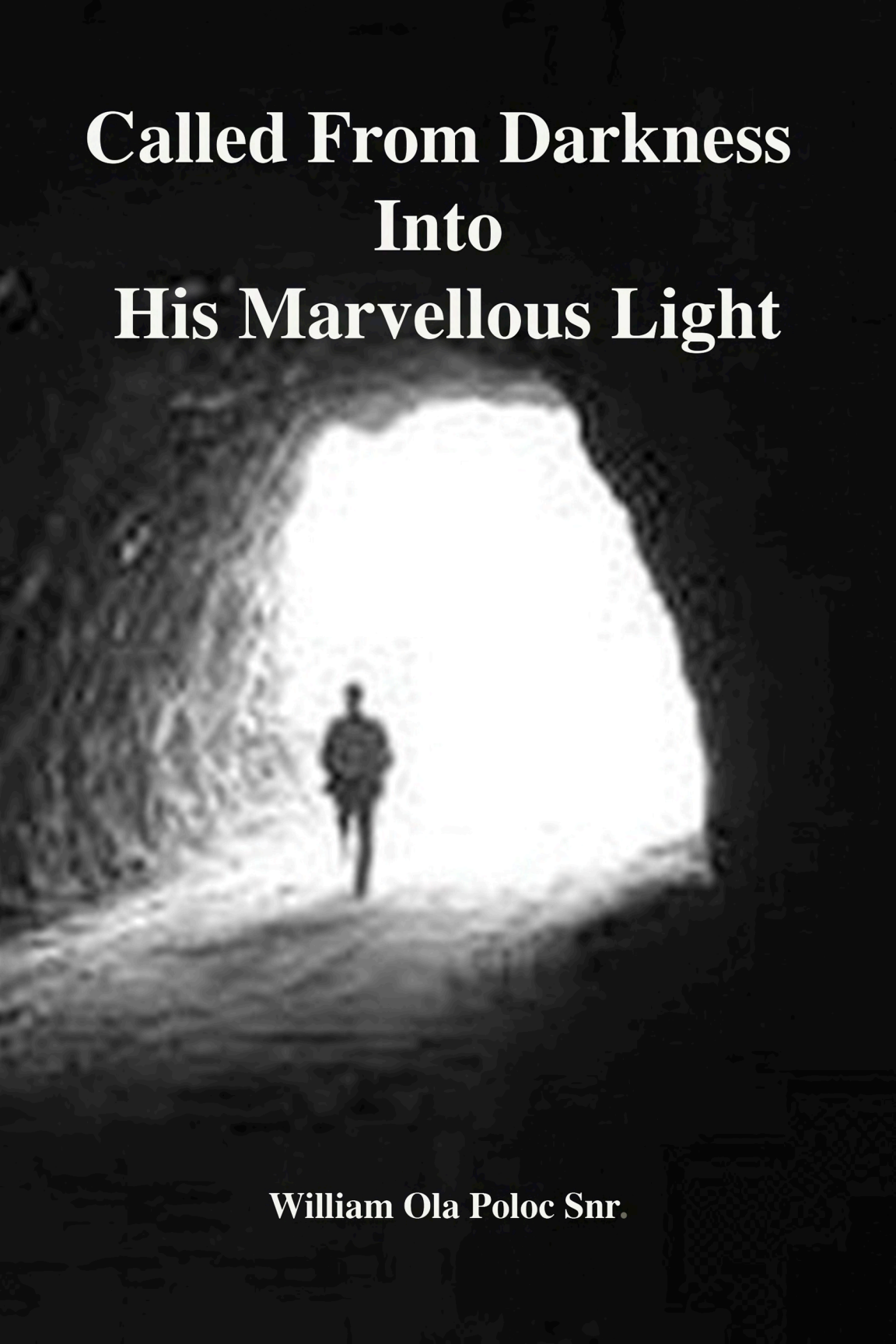

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PUBLISHER PREFACE

William Poloc was a prisoner in New Bilibid Prison and served a period of 14 years for a crime of homicide. During his imprisonment he was called by the Lord Jesus to follow him and he turned his back on his criminal past. He read the bible and studied theology and he learned and understood the doctrines of grace and became a teacher of the gospel

I met William in New Bilibid Prison, in October 2001, as I was the Director of a Christian Mission called Trojan Horse International.

In August 2002 William was released from prison and Trojan Horse International commissioned and sent William, on his release to go to his home city in Baguio and preach the Gospel to inmates of Baguio City Jail and Benguet Provincial Jail.

In October, 2002 I visited Baguio City Jail, as the mission director and a sent minister of Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists, and baptized 22 inmates, who had been converted from crime to Christ, through the ministry of William Poloc. I also baptized 8 souls in Benguet Provincial jail who too had been converted from crime to Christ, though the ministry of William Poloc. These events took place was at the same time that the Bierton Strict Baptist Chapel held its last worship service, in the United Kingdom, which was on the 22nd December. 2002.

William, as his testimony will tell, has worked these past 20 years preaching and teaching the gospel and founded Baguio Christs Centre Churches. And we praise God for being able to tell of the wonderful works of God in saving sinners, in and though faith, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

David Clarke

Director of Trojan Horse International

April 2022

A. CALLED FROM DARKNESS TO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT

(By Pastor William O. Poloc Sr.)

This may be viewed on Youtube under the title From Darkness to His Marvellous Light by David Clarke: **https://youtu.be/PY44DZETNyY**

1. My Birth

I was born in a small town called Bontoc, the capital of Mt. Province and one of the remotest places in the Cordillera Range. The place is legendarily known as the home of the fierce Igorots who were prominently head hunters. The natives of this village were feared among all the tribes of the Cordillerans. Our ancestors were pagans and purely animistic in their worship. However, during the Spaniard's colonization, Roman Catholicism was introduced that spread all over the Philippine archipelago. This beliefs influenced my parents to become devoted Roman Catholics who brought us up with this kind of religious beliefs.

2. My Educational Life

From childhood to adulthood, being the first male among the family, my parents decided to enrol me in private schools hoping that someday, somehow, I will be able to finish a profession so I can help the rest in the family. After graduating from my high school years, I met my wife and we decided to marry and were blessed with three kids. Yet, being a married man, my parents encourage me to continue my education longing to fulfil their dream for me. This I decided to enrol in one of the universities in the City of Baguio a distant place from our hometown. Unfortunately, their expectations and prayers for me to become a professional someday was

in vain. This sudden changed took place when I mistakenly befriended a certain guy who led me to live a city life of w/c I've never experienced before. Besides, the new environment that surrounded me brought to a new perspectives in life.

3. My Life in the City

Through this one friend, I met lots of friends that led me to be engaged with lots of vices. But things became worst when I involved myself into drug trafficking, illegal gambling and robbery hold up etc. Yes, there were pleasures everywhere around to enjoy. Money easily comes and easily goes. My parents dream and good advices for me were forgotten and buried under the evil pleasures of life. Besides, I forgot my own family and live like an unmarried man. When being alone, I thought to myself that I have already found the true kind of life I wanted to.

Then one gloomy night just after having a drinking spree with my group; we decided to stage a robbery hold up just as we usually do. This time around we are unaware that we were being spied by policemen due to the unsolved cases done during the past years. To cut the story short, we stage our evil intent, robbed the guy and upon resistance we killed him. This eventually led to our arrest and jailed.

4. Life in Prison

I pleaded not guilty in court; however the court found me guilty beyond reasonable doubt and was sentenced to suffer the penalty of life imprisonment. My families frequently came to visit me in jail but the only thing I surely can do is to ask from them forgiveness. At some time, having been classified as an insular prisoner, I was transferred to the New Bilibid Prison. (NBP).

This Institution is one of the most famous and dreadful places in the country. It is the habitation of hardened convicted criminals coming from different places in the country. Riots and killings during our time are daily spectacles cause between rival gangs. My life inside prison was truly a mess that makes me sick every time I remember my family who were left alone. I really miss those precious times being with them. The warm hugs of my children and candid expression, saying; Papa! Papa!

B. LIVING INTO HIS MARVELLOUS HIS LIGHT

1. Life in Christ inside Prison(Conversion)

On June 1994, four years later, was indeed a very memorable time when my life enigmatically changed into the new path of life. By His divine

providence, I incidentally walk inside a Christian church (within the prison organised by other inmates) for curiosity sake. As their service started, I became irritated with their absurd worshipping and praising God. But what touched me most was the preacher's message that led me to Christ. His message straight forwardly convicted me of my being a sinner that brought me to repent of my sins and came to believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Savior. (This I came later to know in theology as my regeneration to conversion).

Those striking message pierced my heart that drove me to seek more about biblical truths. In my sincere quest, I committed myself to that church. My eagerness to grow spiritually prompted me to enrol in one of the Theological Institute inside prison (New Bilibid Theological Institute) which led me to know more about Christian beliefs. By the grace of God, I was able to finish a four year degree of bachelor in theology and eventually serve as a teacher of the theological Institute.

As the years go by, I met an inmate English guy by the name Michael John Clarke. We became close friends and he often comes to visit me at our dorm. Michel is a nosy guy! I often give answers to his questions about spiritual matters. I remember him addressing me as a doctor for giving the antidote of his spiritual curiosity. Later, by the grace of God Michel became a believer in Christ, he joined the church and was baptized. From that time on, he always attends church services and involved himself with other spiritual activities. Glory to God!

Addendum –on Trojan Horse International. After sometime, his brother Rev. David Clarke (Later Founder of the Trojan Horse International Ministries) and company came to the Philippines for a mission and to visit his brother Michel as well. The group shared God's word to the inmates inside the New Bilibid Prison through Evangelistic programs resulting to the conversion of many inmates.

In August 19, 2002, was another time worth remembering and overwhelming. My prayers and longings to God were answered? The Bureau of Corrections (BOC) summoned and informed me that I have already a release paper coming from the Board of Pardons and Parole. To my surprise, I cried out aloud, "Thank you Lord" At last, for more than fourteen whole long years you answered my prayers. You are indeed so great!"

2. Life in Christ Outside Prison

Before returning to City of Baguio the place where my wife lives, we have had a meeting with Rev. David Clarke and company. The consensus of our meeting was to send me as the first Trojan Horse missionary to start a

pioneering work in to the prisons in the northern part of the country.

Our Home In Baguio

Beth and David

I took this given opportunity so I could start a ministry likewise share the gospel to my families, relatives and friends.

Lately, I had informed my wife and mom about my release from incarceration and they came to fetch me. Those longings and homesickness that had been a distress for quite some time completely disappeared upon seeing them.

Upon my arrival in my home town's wife I felt being like a stranger. The city was in progress and over populated. Tall buildings and new roads were built, many cars and buses ply all around the city. It's a busy city. Well, I thought to myself that with this new environment, I need to be prudent and cautious in adjusting myself knowing that temptations are all around.

(Having experienced it before).

In due course, I started the prison ministry with the assistance of my wife who became a born again Christian that time. (She was baptized by Rev. By Lucas P. Dangaton Jr. later along with Josie). I wrote letters of request to the jail wardens of the City and the Province and by God's providence I was given specific schedules to conduct our prison ministries. Therefore, I and my wife started ministering to the inmates inside the jails.

Later, I informed Rev. David Clarke about God's work in prison and how He is mightily using us. This moved them to come and visit the work and also help us minister to the inmates at the Baguio City jail and Provincial Jail. Their arrival was truly a blessing! Through their preaching of the gospel lots of inmates came to believe in Jesus Christ and were all baptized inside a small plastic tank filled with water inside the jails. After a week of staying

with us, the group went back to Manila as we continued the ministries that God has entrusted to us.

William At Benguet Prison

Benguet Jail 2003

PHOTOGRAPHS

On 2003, a year after, we started a small church under the name Baguio Christ-Centered Church Inc.(BCCCI)within the city.

1 Baguio Christ Centred Churches

2 Baguio Christ Centred Church

Baguio Christ Centred Church

3 Doctor Lucas Dangatan Jr. came to assist me to do the work.

Lucas, Andy Dolin and William

4 New Bilibid Theological Institute

NBPTI Inside New Bilibid Prison

Doctor Lucas Dangatan Jr. came to assist me to do the work.

He is the founder and president of the NBP Church and the Jeruel Institute of Theology inside the New Bilibid Prison. The first thing we did was to reach out the family members of my co-former inmates who are still confined in prison. We conducted a house to house weekly bible studies to them. By the grace of God, many of them were enlightened and committed themselves to the church. They were they first family members of the BCCCI. After sometime, Doctor Lucas went back to Manila to continue his ministry inside the New Bilibid Prison. I served as the pastor of the BCCCI with a zeal teaching our church members to grow spiritually.

5 William and Beth Poloc

Enjoying a Meal Together

6 Theological Graduates

5th Anniversary

On 2004, I decided to continue my theological pursuit for a higher degree and at the same time doing my pastoral work. It was during this year, that my previous knowledge about Monergistic teachings and sovereignty of God had been systematized. As a result, this led me to change my theological perspectives most especially on the doctrine of salvation. The prevalence of Arminianism from many churches around the city eventually challenge me to open the Christ-Centered Theological School (CCTS)same time of the year.

7 Theological School

Theological School

8 Whole School

School Graduates

The school adheres to a reformed doctrine and is given free purposely to spread the reformed doctrines and to cater ministers and Christians who cannot afford to enrol is an expensive seminary. By the grace of God, many of them graduated from our Theological School and now mightily being used by God to date. Glory to God! The BCCCI are now ministering to three (3) jails. On 2005, God continually bless His work in us. He led us to open another jail ministry at the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) at La Trinidad, Benguet.

9 William Benguet Jail

Benguet Provincial Jail

10 Jail Ministry

Jail Ministry

11 The BCCCI are now ministering to three (3) jails.

IPPF

12 Jail Ministry

Jail Detainees

On 2006, the Kamog Christ-Centered Church (KCCC) in Sablan, Benguet Province came into existence pioneered by pastors Nardo and Glen, An alumna of CCTS who have graduated a 2 years course diploma in theology. It was also during this year that I was able to accomplish my 2 years Master's Degree.

13 Villa Floresta

1st Anniversary

14 Pinsao Christ Centred Church

CCT Graduates

On 2008, another church came into existence namely; the Pinsao Christ-Centered Church (PCCC) pioneered pastor Aladdin also a Bachelor in theology graduate of CCTS.

15 BCCCI Anniversary

BCCI Anniversary

On 2009, the BCCCI sent Pastor Mario and sister wife for a mission in Nueva Ecija. By God's guidance and provision, they were able to establish the Villa Floresta Chris-Centered Church (VCCC) in San Jose, Nueva Ecija. Pastor Mario is formerly one of the faculty members of CCTS who was sent for a missionary work.

16 Our Security Exchange Commission Registration

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Finance
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Baguio Extension Office
Baguio City

COMPANY REG. NO. CN201027319

CERTIFICATE OF FILING
OF
AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the amended articles of incorporation of the

BAGUIO CHRIST CENTERED CHURCH INC.

Amending Articles Seventh & Eight of the Original Articles of Incorporation thereof.

copy annexed, adopted on December 9, 2012 by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees and the vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the corporation, and certified under oath by the Corporate Secretary and a majority of the said board was approved by the Commission on this date pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines, Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, approved on May 1, 1980, and copies thereof are filed with the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this Commission to be affixed at Baguio City, Benguet, Philippines, this 12th day of March Twenty Thirteen.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

ANNIE GONZALES-TESORO
Director

BCCI SEC Registration

On 2010, the BCCCI was registered under Sec.Reg:201027319.This registry insures all Christ-Centered Churches that is under the umbrella of BCCCI. During the years we continually experience God's tremendous spiritual blessings upon BCCCI and CCTS. Souls were added into the church and many have graduated from our school. Christ-Centered

Churches were being established around the archipelago. Moreover, God also moved brethren to sponsor a radio station program for BCCCI to preach the Gospel on air that lasted for almost a decade. Inevitably, there were crossroads encountered in our ministerial works yet we consider them as mere blessings and part of our calling.

17 Radio Ministry

BCCI Radio

18 Station 2

BCCI Radio

On 2012, the Muntinlupa Christ-Centered Church (MCCC) also came into existence. The church was started by Pastor Dante a former inmate at the Medium Security Compound. The outset of his pioneering work existed just after his release from prison.

On 2014, Another inmate by the name pastor Elton, whom I have been helping process his papers was released from prison. Just after his release, I encourage him to start a ministry in Las Pinas at his residential place. By God's providence the Las Pinas Christ-Centered Church was brought forth. He is now pasturing the LPCCC.

18 Anniversaries

Benguet Anniversary

19 Prisoners Of Christ Organisation

Philippine Ex Convicts Association

It was also during this year that I started to organize the Prisoners Of Christ Organization Philippines (POCOP). This is a group of Christian Ex-convicts released from incarceration who are now serving the Lord from the different places around the country. The primary purpose of this organization is to help released ex-convicts brethren by ushering them into a Christian Church within their community. This group also conducts an annual assembly where all its members come together for fellow shipping and share with one another the works of God entrusted to us. To date the POCOP has a huge of membership all over the Philippines of which I serves as their president.

On 2015, a year after, Pastor Fred Batac informed me of having started a church in Aborlan, Palawan. Palawan is an island located along the Visayan Islands. We prepared to fly on air to see the work God he started. We enjoyed fellow shipping with them. We stayed there for week and also joined them in their outreach ministries inside the penal colonies. After wards, I ordained him as a license minister and installed too some of elders of the Church. Pastor Fred is now pasturing the Aborlan Christ-Centered Church (ACCC).

On 2018, another inmate by the name Pastor Polly Esperas, started a ministry at his wife's place in Lubao, Pampanga. He called me up and wanted to affiliate the church he started. We went to visit him and met the family members of the Church. This church was later named as" Lubao Christ-Centered Church" (LCCC) in Pampanga.

During the following years we also extended our theological school to other places in the Northern part of the country through mobile schooling. By God's grace and providence, many ministers and Christians were taught and eventually adhered to the biblical teachings on the sovereignty of God.

Until now, despite of this global pandemic God continue to work in our midst. Outreaches and mission churches were being opened by God through us to look after them. To name some of our mission churches; we have the Ambassador Christ-Centered Mission Church (ACCMC), Mines View Christ-Centered Mission Church(MVCCMC) and Kalatiao Christ-Centered Mission Church(KCCMC).

A newly opened jail ministry located in BJMP Abatan Buguias.

William and Helpers

Speaking to the Inmates

It started last November 30, 2022.The institution's warden is Jinsp Julio Motio. They openly welcomed us to conduct a holistic ministry for the inmates. The place in 3-4 hours travel from the city of Baguio.

Speaking to the inmates

Distributing food

Speaking to the inmates

William and the inmates

Food distribution

William and Helper

This is the BJMP La Trinidad District Jail. One of our jail ministry that stopped due to the covid 19. However, by God's providence we were able to resume our work[8] here. The jail is spearheaded by Captain Bernard Marcos a younger brother of pastor Dante Marcos who is pastoring the Muntinlupa Christ Centered Church.

William, Beth and Warden

Items for the inmates

This is also the Provincial Jail in La Trinidad ,Benguet. Taken last December during their Christmas program. We handed toiletries to our inmate brothers. We are also thankful to Warden Peter Tip-ac who have give us a slot to minister to our destitute brother. (People Deprived of Liberty).

William and helpers

Going in the new Prison

William distributing items

Distribution of items

Food distribution

Prayer

William and Beth

Inmates

Speaking to the inmates

Speaking to the inmates

William and the Warden

Addressing the inmates

William and the inmates

Items distribution

Food distribution

Item distribution

As I look back through all those years, I can't really imagine the graciousness of God bestowed upon us. His huge works entrusted to us is conceivably beyond our reach. But I believed that nothing is impossible before our sovereign God. Just as the apostle Paul says, " I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". (Phil.4:13).

To God be all the Glory!

TROJAN WARRIORS PHILIPPINES (PLAY LIST)
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxUCCNlXtFtkgbu1VPW3JJqYY0i93f7oa

TROJAN WARRIORS PART 1 THE VISION

Trojan Warriors, Part 1 The Beginnings (Youtube Title)
https://youtu.be/GTKuL7OTau4

Michael: I am Michael Clarke the director and brother of David Clarke. David tell us a little about yourself.

David: Well I am David, you've just told us, I'm your brother and you're my older brother, but i became a Christian 30 years ago, and this documentary that we're about to do is the beginning of a series,

Michael: A series of what?

David: Trojan Warriors we call it!

Michael: So this book, with this book, this book is the first in a series.

David: The book is the first in the series but the documentary we're doing now is about, what it's all about, really what Trojan Worries are all about. Michael: Ok it was last year that you came to the Philippines for the first time.

David:

Yeah.

Michael: What made you come to the Philippines?

David: The fact that you had become a Christian after many years.

Michael: It was the recognition, after your prayer for 30 years, that you found out that your prayers have been answered ?

David: Well I'm not saying I've prayed for you for 30 years. Obviously I pray for you, but the reality of it this. I was converted 30 years ago. Christ actually spoke to me, no doubt about it. It set me on a mission.

Michael: Well I think to remember David that after trying to explain about how I was set up for a crime i didn't commit, and you in the western world, felt that there's no smoke without fire, so you rejected me. You thought I was bluffing, or spoofing?

David: Well, no I didn't reject you, I felt you actually deserve getting sent away for what you're doing, but the fact is i learned. I didn't believe you was guilty of the charge but i thought you deserved what you got, because I felt your lifestyle was immoral.

Michael: Okay it was on the release of Sonny Wilson who got acquitted off death penalty.

David: Yea, yeah.

Michael: He was suffering and he came to you on his release.

Michael: yeah now this is something that's the story Sunny Wilson yeah no he's my dear friend he came to you with a message i asked him personally to go to you with an NBI report which is in this book that category says that i was not guilty. This proves that with a judicial system my case would have been thrown out of court, however we're not here to say anything about the judicial system.

David: I'll tell you what happened. Right he came to me, he actually rang me up on Christmas, day on Christmas day 1999, He actually had come out of the prison, on the 23rd 1999 and then flew back to England and rang me up on Christmas day. He said he got me a Christmas present. My present the news that you the confirmation and evidence that you were innocent the charge that was the NBI report he got and it was it was then you how did you get you did you bring he's playing to me I mean his wife came so he came down from Dover to stayed with me so it's a two-hour drive he came all the way down on Christmas to give you this good view yeah just after Christmas how did you feel when you were ready honored. I was honored to receive him because i knew that he was well.

Michael: You missed the question, how did you respond to reading the NBI report ?

David: Well the truth of the matter was Michael, it's such a long report, I couldn't understand it, right and i didn't respond until six months later when i finally realized what it was.

Michael: When you digested it ?

David: Yes, it took me time.

Michael: Yeah so it's another world.

David: Yeah i couldn't.

Michael: Okay let's cut a long story short. After six months you began to get inspired to come to the Philippines, to see the reality

David: Let me tell you what happened right, you had written that you were interested in Christian things, and i actually just put it on the back. I wanted to see the evidence. You wrote to me telling me how depressed you were, can't face the future and you was very low. I thought well, God is actually going to deal with you.

Michael: Yes.

David: Now a year later you write to me and told that me you actually read the book of Martin Lloyd Jones's on Spiritual Warfare and Joy Unspeakable Full of Glory and C.S. Lewis's book Mere Christianity.

Michael: Yes, yes that was a book that Sunny Wilson left with me.

David: Yes, yeah, yeah now when i saw the change in your letters, I knew that you had become a Christian. So i wrote back immediately and told you instructed you to get baptised, i actually rang up the newspaper Miller Lizzie Miller.

Michael: Can i tell you something? When your letter was in transit to me my letter was intrinsic to you saying.

David: I've already formulated the baptism.

Michael: Because i was inspired, I couldn't, I was dragged to the water tank. Pastor Lucas tried to say that well we can do it next. It wasn't good enough it had to be done. I had to tell the lord. I was an ambassador, and I got 25 other people, and we asked him for pastor Lucas to improvise, yeah and it was a wonderful celebration.

David: So that is the actually the baptism there yes in the U.S. Army oil drum. Now why was it in the oil drum tell me.

Michael: Because at the time the actual baptism trough, what do you call it, call it where you get when you get baptised.

David Immersed.

Michael: No the actual the baptism pool.

David: A river will.

Michael: This church always borrows one over the other side of the wall, now this is a large compound 12 hectares, divided into two sections. Now at the time there was gang warfare, so it was always put off.

We can't do it. We can't do it. What do you mean you can't do, it just do it. I remembered scripture, the man Eunoch (Ethiopian Unoch)

David: What Hinders me?

Micheal: What's stopping me., he jumped in, and I think that water was stagnant, and dirty. It didn't matter to me'

David: That's like there was a Jordon.

Michael: Right yeah it doesn't matter it can be a sewage tank it was just a symbolic. More than symbolic i had to tell the lord number five.

David: so as a result of that I told Lizzy Miller. I had publish my book

Michael: listen to me i remember one of the editors from the (Southampton News Paper) The News at Portsmouth.

David: I had meanwhile been writing this book right and i didn't have the ending. In fact the book was initially, the title i thought 'Jacob have i loved Esau have I hated'.

Michael: Well it's like the book of Acts it ended on chapter 28 and i believe 29.

David: It's opened again.

Michael: We're the ones opening.

David: We are Acts 29, living testimonies.

Michael: You came to the Philippines and you decided to come with your dear friend, or should we say Gordon our friend.

David: Yeah Gordon, Gordon Smith

Michael: I've known him for 40 years and when i used to know him he was an old man, in my eyes.

David: He wasn't really.

Michael: In my eyes he was an old man, but when he came and he was always a Christian he was preaching and he had his own funny way. But i wasn't a Christian. But he was a good engineer he,

David: In fact he was praying for me the night of my conversion in Mrs Knights home'

Michael: okay anyway when Gordon Smith, when i was informed by you, that Gordon would like to accompany you to the Philippines, wonderful, wonderful, but when i saw him i didn't believe it was Gordon (Video clip) 'Where's my brother? ,There's my brother, take a picture'

Michael: And he looked a lot younger and he was Jolly and then he told me all about his his wife and he's found her lovely wife and his house clean which we will leave. Anyway we had a lovely uh mission last year. We had a few problems, teething problems but while you was here David i think we decided, well you saw there was a problem he problem was that pastor Lucas, you felt he needed help/

David: No no no no no, not quite right no what happened was pastor Lucas was invited, and pastor kim, Reverend Kim from Korea yeah who

was a missionary here, had in fact invited me to preach in various places, Angeles city jail, Olongapo City, cities of Cavite , In Curzon on Cities, we went around churches preaching and teaching the gospel. Right now the fact is when we came to this Prison, Gordon and I were overwhelmed with the amount of Christian work that was going on. That there were hard and notorious criminals being converted to Christ. Yeah i've never seen it before like it anywhere.

Michael: And when you found out that the president Reverend Lucas Dangatan jr was an ex-prisoner. 19985 with no money, Yeah i'll tell you something David, for three years i devoured every book in this prison paperback. When i come to finding no more books, i asked pastor Lucas if i could digest his library.

Michael: He said Michael this library is yours yeah and i digested it'

And i couldn't follow their teachers because it was all Taglish, that's 50/50. So I used to have time with pastor Andy and pastor Lucas pastor. Andy is an Associate Head Teacher , he has been here for 20 years. So i did my own study and then i realized that the teachings were 99%. I'm saying 99% because i disagree on some issues.

David: yeah

Michael: The book unfortunately, the Filipinos bless the heart, they read English, they understand it, but sometimes they cannot comprehend.

Most of he books that have been written are in English but I am fortunate to have an in education i can read it um so when I've been expounding these books i was opened. Then i realized that the true doctrines are the TULIP.

David: Can we talk about that in a minute, you are preaching at the moment. Lets get back to the mission we are talking about.

Michael: Yes .

David: Look when we came here, okay I saw this great, great work and I think I was since moved at the same time as you and I said to you Michael I want to invite these men to write their testimonies in the book, and you announced with the request and we .

Michael: Oh I remember now.

David: We commissioned them and you ask them at the same time as it came to me, you spoke the word so what did and i said we went to church compound churches here and there were hundreds of criminals. David: We had preached to 100's here.

Michael: What happened was we, we had a little meeting as we always do morning, or afternoon, And we said we're going to write a book in other words it's a follow-on from Converted on LSD. David this is going to be a joint effort between myself and David. David is the author because I realize

that if I'm connected by being connected it won't carry so much money, However I announced I was giving some words of encouragement and i announced that we have decided to write the first of a series of books and David came up with the name Trojan Horse, Trojan but Trojan Warriors. In order to have impact Gordon Smith expounded on revelations 11, 12, I believe it is. 'By the by the word of their testimony they overcame him by the blood of the lamb,

Michael : You quote the scripture:

David: They overcame him by the blood of lamb and the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the Death.

Michael: Right so what i thought was if we can get a hundred testimonies of warriors declaring Jesus is the Christ and their testimony that will be the key to setting captive free.

View Video Hundred Men Comply with Michaels request.

Michael: So the key to setting the prisoners free. Now people here misunderstand they think it's prison. The whole world is imprisoned/

David: Absolutely it's, in bondage but this, this picture was inspired to me one night, I drafted it up and I went to kulai. kulai is the cultural artist center in the Philippines in New Bilibid prison. Immediately i was directed to one man, who knew exactly where i wanted, within one month this picture behind me which is a large version of this came up exactly i sent it to David he was jumping for joy all he could say was thank you.

Let me tell you now that story from ancient times was told oh there's never been a love like this before

TROJAN WARRIORS PART 2 THE VISION

Trojan Warriors Part 2 The Vision (YouTube Title)

The Vision view on YouTube https://youtu.be/Gc_J5JLBt0g

David: Now i want to just say to you Michael, The prison, New Building Prison. Let me just show you the picture of it there it is New Bilibid Prison, its the national prison, is like the grave. The grave does not respect anyone.

Michael: Let me have a look at the close-up of the uh yeah you see yeah yeah just just take it in we could actually put it actually.

Michael: It's just going in nicely now you can see the towers, Twin Towers.

David: Beautiful this is beautiful from the outside but horrendous on the inside. Well there's not too bad, there's a few snakes and rats and cockroaches. The smell, open sewers, however it stinks. But never mind the prison is like the grave he doesn't respect anyone. The small and the great meet together, like the grave. The fact is in this grave (the prison) they're living, they're breathing but they're encased in chains and bondage, these have access to the outside world, when visited, even people from the government can see them. People here, we have great men in this prison, we have people with the street children in this prison, they have access to the whole world. We believe that God has called us in the prison ministry to share the gospel amongst criminals, so that they can share the gospel with their families. And it goes out to the world from within the prison. God loves to take the cast off of this world, to declare his name through sinners that have been converted to Christ and God loves to take the cast off of this world through sinners that have been is delighted with a great and the rebirth and the rule the rule is we do it for nothing and the delight is that you see Christ being manifest in men's lives.

An example of what I mean we visited together, the other day, we travelled 18 hours on the coach, and we went to the city and we showed them the book, and lo and behold, at the church they opened the book unfolded and testimony 135 Linito t Barrique, he had in fact been sent us to life for murder and he was from Tiguero City and they were amazed to see his story. So you see we can use this book to testify to the villages, and cities where these criminals have been, where their victims are, to go and take the gospel of Christ to men. Another one, the same city Josephine's husband to be, the man that's on death row, the seventh online to be executed, his name is Manuel Ganabang he too from Tiguero City. We take the testimonies of these men's back to their own city to share the gospel, not only with the families, but also with the victims.

But this is why we use the book, and this is what the book is useful, to

take testimonies life-giving testimonies to all the world. From out of New Believer Prison what a wonderful work, amen.

Michael: Now before before i got convicted I started a business I've had several businesses in my life but my last venture was Paradise Express. This was as a travel agent now in the book you will realize and read it Paradise Express is going to be kick started, reload kick starting back into action.

I'm going to find a way for any mission, any church that wants to send people here to train as missionaries, work with street children, criminals, you name it, or to come for a holiday, come to the Philippines we will give you a training holiday of a lifetime. Yes I'm not saying every day will be going to the prison, but we will put it together in such a way that you can relax, enjoy the beautiful country, and go back expressing your burden to your church how you can help.

David: This ministry will particularly interested bible students, those that are in bible studies and want to be in real practical evangelism. We will come and share with you how it's done here in the prison. It's a wonderful opportunity , we'll give you a diploma from Trojan Horse International Teacher Training College, a graduate from this teacher training course.

Michael: Now there's another another thing go on your portfolio another thing we've got we've got um confirmation from uh the honorable Raymond luag, who's the other director of justice, who's kindly once again this year granted permission for the Trojan Horse International, to take to make instead the prison intensive video footage, which will make a documentary library. I have pledged all my money on your latest.

David: Not only in this Prison.

Michael: We've got the women's correction highlighted here it reads the women's correctional, which is about 30 minutes drive from here. It holds less than a thousand women. We are going to write the next book, including the intestines the women, we've got some lovely testimonies of women converted. There's lots of work for women evangelists. Now I requested that I be allowed to be the cameraman, if not never mind, we've got another one so that's where we're going.

David: Should i say women's servants because they have a place in the church. Yes, warriors yeah.

Michael: Call them what you like they're God's children.

David: They've got a purpose but they've got an order in the church as we have an order in society.

Michael: Well that's all folks for now, we trust you enjoyed this it's the two brothers from England. We we're renowned from years back have been terrors. I used to follow Satan, i didn't know the Lord has let me prosper but

now I'm following the true king .

TROJAN WARRIORS PART 3 OUR DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION

Trojan Warriors Part 3 Our Doctrinal Basis (YouTube Title) Our Doctrinal Foundation https://youtu.be/Tvp-3pKvH1U

Michael: Earlier we mentioned, I mentioned that through my reading the Lucas Dangaton's library don't know I came up with the solid foundation of the TULIP, and you cut me short, you said will expand on that later.

David: Yes. Yes.

Michael: Can we revitalize that?

David: Show me the book but contains the information.

Michael: The five points of Calvinism.

David What is the book Called:

Michael: This is Inside the Tulip now inside the tulip are five points. The first one is total depravity would you like to mention what total depravity means.

David: Well I will do but can I just throw a little bit more light on this whole subject. You are the first person in 30 years, that i have discovered that have I realized the truth of the gospel are contained in these tenets. In England there are very few that actually believed these doctrine. I came to believe these truths when I was very soon converted, after about one year, and I was in the Pentecostal church in the Assemblies of God. I roamed from church to church.

Michael: I remember , I remember you wasn't settled.

David: Until I a church which was a Strict and Particular Baptist church , in Bierton, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Michael: Yes I remember.

David: Now this church was a little church with several, old people, but the minister that came to preach were faithful to the bible, but they believe the Bible, from cover to cover. It was strange to go there because it's was quaint out of date by over a hundred years. It was another world you know but the fact is they preached the bible. I was nurtured there and I learned a gracious way of life, and I love the times in the Strict Baptists Church. In fact they appointed me as a preacher and teacher of the gospel. I was sent from the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists Church in 1982, and commissioned to go wherever the Lord opened the door for me to preach, and the Lord has brought me here to the Philippines and you're telling me, 30 years later you've discovered the sovereignty of God, as pointed out in the five points of Calvinism. That is the TULIP. Well we can talk about that if you want.

Michael: Will let me just mention the five points. Total Depravity, Conditional election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible grace and perseverance of the saints.

David: So that's T. U. L. I, and P. 5 points.

Michael: Now what I found here in New Bilibid Prison, there's so many Christian denominations.

David: A ranger of them, Seventh Day Adventists.

Michael: There is a host.

David: The Born-Agains , Catholics.

Michael: Now it's Reverend Lucas is very strong on eternal salvation, eternal security. Now this is his main teaching, once saved always saved.

David: Because that is based upon the immutability of God.

Michael: Now if you accept that the rest of the flower blossoms. Now Pastor Andy, we have now made a film. Pastor Andy i said before.

David: He is a head teacher and has done 17 years for drug dealing with a marijuana he's been in prison for 17 years. His is the second testimony in the book.

Michael: For the sake for the sake of time it's a one hour. I've condensed into 45 minutes.

David: We can make it available in England.

Michael: it's about 19 points of eternal security and can do a study and teachings are 55 we've condensed it into 19 points. We will make it available world wide.

David: Now coming back to the point long as five points. Do you want

me answer the points one by one.

Total Depravity maintains that the result of Adams sin every faculty of the human soul, body and mind, is fallen. We need to be delivered from ourselves, which evolves the will. The will is in bondage to sin. We cannot choose Christ. We will not choose Christ unless Christ sets of three to choose him. Totally Deprived fallen in every respect. That doesn't mean to say that we are the worst we could possibly be, but the whole gamut of sin is the result of every man being in Adam fallen and under the wrath of God.

Michael: Its a disease incurable apart from the blood of Christ. Next one unconditionally Election.

David: God in His wisdom to manifest His and glory, chose to save some of Adam's race to salvation, by Jesus Christ, unconditionally. It wasn't based upon what they could do, or what they are able to do, or whether they will have faith. He chose because he loved to save some, as he set his love upon some, not the whole of humanity. Jacob ever loved Esau have I hated that the purpose of God according to election might stand. People have do not teach this as l do.

Michael; They argue and argue.

David: The fact is God has spoken and God's Word will stand. I'm a minister of the gospel.

Michael: Next one Limited Atonement.

David: It means that those who whom Christ died and shed his blood and redeemed will and absolutely certain be saved. When Jesus died on the cross it was once for all and a never to be repeated sacrifice. His blood was shed to take away all sin, every sin for his elect. Christ died for the elect. The elect will be saved because he died. We don't know who the elect are. The elect are manifest when they come to faith in Christ.

Michael: Thank you the fourth point irresistible grace, irresistible expand on that.

David: When God calls a sinner, he works he woes his bride to himself, they cannot resist the call of God because God is on omnipotent God, is gracious and he just makes the sinner willing. He does it by graciously working in the hearts of men by give him a new birth, winning him by love, the love of Christ is she'd abroad, and they can help but loving when they discover what he's done with them. They love him it is irresistible the grace of God in this sense cannot be resisted. Men resist God of course they do, but the born-again believers, the minute they are born in Christ follow Christ irresistibly.

Michael: Very nice put about perseverance of the saints.

David: The fact is the saints will persevere to the end. Everyone that's born again, unto God, every child of God born to the kingdom will persevere. It doesn't matter what.

Michael: They will enjoy the banquette .

David: They will enjoy the banquet. It doesn't matter what Satan throws at you that doesn't what trial they enter into, and God will allow them to be tried. It is true concerning Abram he was trying of God 40 years after the promised seed. God said concerning Abraham, it please God . Abram believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Unfortunately some of God's children, when they're are tried, they fail. They like the prodigal son they go off into the far country, spend all the riches on the goods, but in the end, because of the love of God to them, He allows them come to come to the end of themselves and brings them back into the fold. Puts the ring on the finger, the robe of righeousness on them. They cannot be lost because God will save his elect , come what may. The Bride of Christ is complete, none shall be lost, none can pluck then them out the Father's hand

Michael: Now there's been a lot of debating now if you haven't ever got this conviction that you are eternally secure, in the hands of Christ, there's something wrong. Now Christian in doubt is a Christian in misery.

David: Absolutely.

Michael: I'm not miserable.

David: I'm telling you Michaels, because i believe in the sovereignty of God i will go through the world, I don't care if the world's against me, I don't give the devil's I is against me. I will stand alone for Christ. I will follow Christ. I don't care what happens. Christ is my saviour. I have fall into wickedness and sin and forsaken of my family. But I love my new wife now. I love everything about them but the fact is I will not forsake Christ ever again, by the grace of God , because he's love so much and I'm empowered, by this grace that God. I'm an evangelist because I believe God is sovereign he will save if we preach the gospel. Then that say that Calvinism destroys evangelism, they don't know what Calvinism is. Let's not use the word Calvinism let take about biblical-ism. Let's talk about the Bible. God will is sovereign. God will save and it's He's a wonderful saviour/

Michael: Jesus is the Christ.

David: Jesus is the Son of God.

Michael: This is a message to the world. David has been a Christian for 30 years and he's telling you now

David: Yeah.

Michael: On the words of Christ. If you're in his hand it is impossible

for you to be lost.

WILLIAM OLA POLOC VIDEO PLAY LIST

William Ola Poloc Baguio City Philippines (YouTube Play list)
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Andy Dolin, New Bilibid Prison NBP Theological Institutes Preaches
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Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists and AGBC LTD
(Youtube Title)

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Having written an account of my secession from the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist church, in my book, '**The Bierton Crisis 1984**', I have republished a full account of this matter in,'**Let Christian Men Be Men 2nd Ed.**, Which includes my complaint against, the Association of Grace Baptists Churches Ltd who took over the affairs of the Bierton Church property and sold our chapel, in 2006.

My Secession From The Bierton Church

My secession for the Bierton Church was not a termination of my membership as our traditional church rules state clearly that only the church can terminate ones membership. The Bierton church did not terminate my membership as they wanted me to return.

My secession was due to the churches failure to preserve and teach the doctrines of particular Redemption as clearly set out in our Trust Deed, and so my withdrawal was lawful and according to right principals. As is clearly told in publication, The Bierton Crisis 1984 and Let Christian Men Be Men.

In December 2002 the chapel was closed for worship as most of its church members had died and it was my right, as a church member, to take on the responsibly of our chapel and elect new trustees.

This did not happen and the Association of Grace Baptists Churches acted unlawfully, by refusing to give me a copy of the memorandum of election and appointment, of them being new trustees of our chapel, on my

return from Christian mission work in the Philippines, in 2003.

This account demonstrates clearly that the Association of Grace Baptists Churches, LTD, acted unlawfully, and that the memorandum of the choice of new trustees submitted to the Land Registry, on 5th February 2003, by the Association was unlawful as they had not been elected as trustees by the church. This is clearly set down in our Bierton Trust Deed. The Association of Grace Baptists are not the lawful trustees of our Bierton chapel.

This account outlines my case

The Bierton Church was formed in 1831 and became a Gospel Standard cause, on the 16th of January 1981.

In 1982, and as a member of the Bierton Church, I was called by the lord and sent by the church, to preach the gospel. My application to preach was sanctioned, by Mr Hill of Luton and Mr Hope, of reading, both ministers and pastors of Gospel Standard Churches. I was licensed to preach, and sent by the Church, to go wherever the Lord opened the door for me to preach. I preached in many Gospel Standard causes since that date till June 1984.

I was also appointed as church secretary and the correspondent for the church and corresponded booking our visiting ministers. I also had to deal with doctrinal matters that arose in the Church.

The matters other matters I had to deal with were the doctrine of particular Redemption, The Gospel being the Rule of life for the Believer and not the Law of Moses. Duty faith and repentance the so called free offer of the gospel and the added articles of the Gospel Standard.

I have shown, in my publication, ***The Bierton Crisis***, the church we're unable to maintain a faithful testimony to the truth of particular redemption and so let slip the doctrines of the grace of God , as outlined in our church's articles of religion, and set out in our ***indenture and Trust Deed dated 1831***. As a result I (wife and I) seceded from the church on the, 26th of June 1984 , over matters of conscience. However due to our strict rules of membership, and traditional church ruling, related to membership, we remained church members as the church did not terminate our membership, this was because the church wished us to return. Our rules are clear, only the church can terminate ones membership.

The church had failed us and were bound to keep and preserved the doctrine of particular redemption as written in our Trust deed. Not only so continued to allow its other male member to advocate general redemption, as is recorded in The Bierton Crisis.

As a minister of the gospel , sent by the Bierton church, I continue to this day, at home and abroad, teaching and promoting the gospel of the Lord

Jesus Christ.

This secession was due to the churches failure to preserve the doctrines of grace, and that of ***particular redemption***, as specified in our trust deed.

As a church we were duty bound to preserve and keep to the doctrine of particular redemption and the chapel used for religious worship according to the terms of our indenture which specified the doctrine of particular redemption. It was the responsibility of our trustee's to ensure this took place and a personal copy of the Bierton Crises was given to all our trustees at the time and all concerned.

The church failed in its duty and allowed its other male and trustee to teach general redemption, as is recorded in ***The Bierton Crisis 1984***, and now, ***Let Christian Men be Men 2nd Ed.***. The lawful trustee's were personally give a cop of The Bierton Crisis so they were fully aware of the situation.

I continue to this day, as a minister of the gospel, with my work, not only in England but also in the Philippines and now branching out to Pakistan.

Upon hearing of the closure of the Bierton chapel, on return from mission working in the Philippines, in 2002, I was encouraged by Mr. Paul Crane, of Laken Heath, our appointed church overseer, to return to Bierton and reopen our chapel.

Upon approaching those who I understood to be the lawful trustees[1] of the chapel, I was refused permission. I soon learned that these were not the lawful trustees as they had not been elected by the church. Our trust deed states that new trustees must be elected by the church. This Association were unfamiliar with our traditional rules relating to Church membership as clearly spelled out in our Gospel Standard rules relating to Church membership.

When seeking to resolve my claim against the Association it was first denied that we were a Gospel Standard cause, for which I gave full proof by a letter from Mr BA Ramsbottom. Also sending a ***Solemn Declaration*** relating to the who;e affair. At the London County Court they claimed that I was no longer a church member, dismissing our traditional rules that related to church membership. They simply denied that I was a church member. Despite my sending them a copy of my book, 'The Bierton Crisis', that outlines in detail my membership and reasons for action.

So in light of that denial I was not prepared to argue with them and I decided to leave the matter to the lord to deal with.

The Association went ahead and registered the Bierton chapel Trustee Deed , in their name with the H.M. Land Registry, by producing a Memorandum of choice and Appointment of New Trustees stating that

1 The Association of Grace Baptist Churches limited

this made them the lawful trustees. And that they had taken over the responsibility for the Bierton Chapel from the existing trustees who had been lawfully elected by the Church, in 1976.

This Memorandum of choice and Appointment of New Trustees was signed and dated in the, 5th of February 2003, after all the members had died bar one, and without notifying myself of the other church member who were the remaining two, of the seven former church members alive.

On my return from mission work in the Philippines I requested the association give full proof that they were the lawful trustees but they simply ignored me. They refuse me permission to use our chapel and offered to ell it to me for around £150,000.00. This memorandum of choice and appointment of new trustees was unlawful, and was contrary to the express terms of our trust deed, as they had not been elected as trustees, by the Bierton church. They finally sold our chapel, in 2006. This was a serious error in law which need to be corrected.

The Bierton chapel is now a domestic dwelling and the money's raised from the sale disposed off which in the event of all the church member dying should have been paid to the particular baptist fund trust of London founded, in 1717.

Despite all these awkward and difficult workings of religious men my work, as a sent minister of the Bierton Strict Baptist church, continues not only in the U.K. but also the Philippines and Pakistan with many printed publications relating to the doctrines of the gospel made available world wide on Amazon.

I maintain that The Association of Grace Baptist Churches LTD has a duty to make amends for the errors that they have made and resolve the matter and would like to be invited to next meeting of the board to discuss the matter of putting this right. A meeting with the board of trustees may help resolve this outstanding matter.

This new publication, 'Let Christian Men Be Men' gives a full and comprehensive account of the whole matter and presents all the evidence supporting my claim on the association of Grace Baptists Churches, written in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the fear of the living God.

Amazon Link, 'Let Christian Men Be Men'.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Let-Christian-Men-3rd-Ed/dp/B09QFDVDR8/

BIERTON PARTICULAR BAPTISTS

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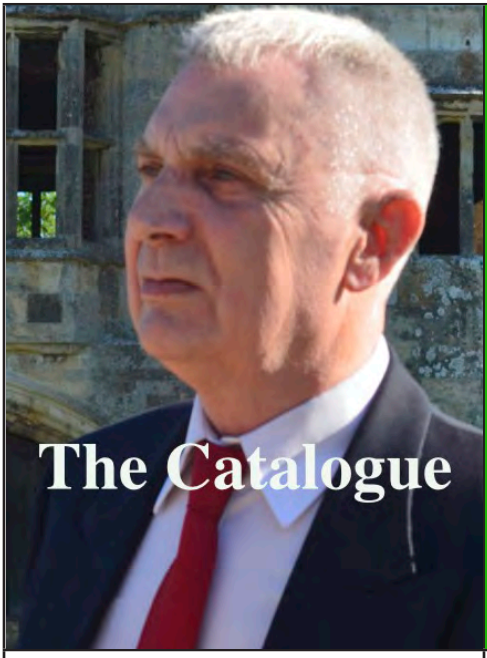

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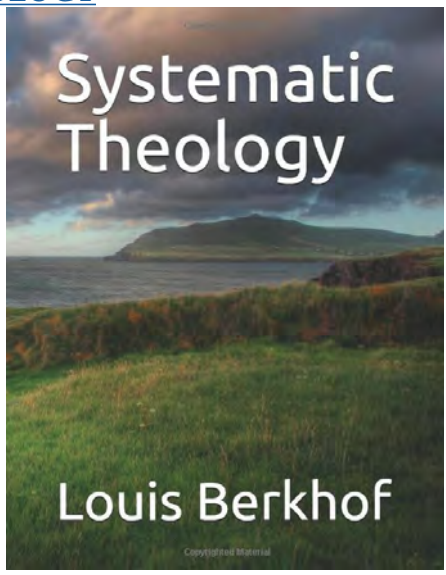


This work of Louis Berkhof has been presented to the ministers of Christ Centred Churches Inc., in the Philippines, by David Clarke, the Director of Trojan Horse International and the sole remaining member of Bierton Particular Baptists. You will be aware that Louis Berkhof like other reformed theologians were futurist in their archaeological views. To assist in their studies on this subject we recommend James Stuarts Russell's book, 'The Parousia', along with 'What Happened At 70 A.D.' and 'Final Decade Before The End', by Edward E. Stevens, as listed at the end of this book.

AUTHORS PREFACE

Now that my Systematic Theology is again being reprinted, the Preface can be very brief. It is not necessary to say much about the nature of the work, since it has been before the public for more than fifteen years and has been used extensively. I have every reason to be grateful for its kind reception, for the favourable testimony of many reviewers, and for the fact that the book is now used as a textbook in many Theological Seminaries and Bible

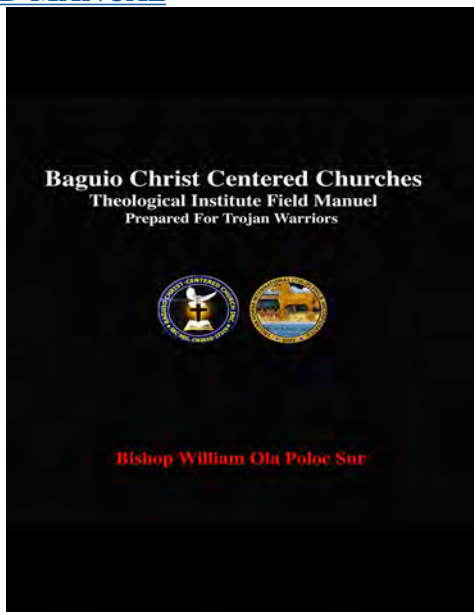
Schools in our country, and that requests were even received from abroad for permission to translate it into other languages. These are blessings which I had not anticipated, and for which I am deeply grateful to God. To Him be all the honour. And if the work may continue to be a blessing in many sections of the Church of Jesus Christ, it will but increase my recognition of the abundant grace of God.

L. Berkhof Grand Rapids,
Michigan August 1, 1949.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Louis Berkhof (1873-1957). Berkhof was born in Emmen, Netherlands. He emigrated with his family to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1882. He graduated from Calvin Theological Seminary in 1900 and accepted the call to be the pastor of the Allendale, Michigan First Christian Reformed Church. In 1902 he went to Princeton University for two years earning a B.D. degree. He then accepted the pastorship of the Oakdale Park Church in Grand Rapids. In 1906 he was appointed to the faculty of Calvin Theological Seminary. He assumed the presidency of the seminary in 1931 and served until retirement in 1944. A talented teacher and hard-working author, among his twenty-two books is Systematic Theology, which has been translated into several languages and used in many conservative colleges and seminaries.

PROPOSED FIELD MANUAL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Bishop William Ola Poloc Snr

The Draft Proposed Field Manual For Evangelism and Teaching
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My letter of request to William Poloc,
Dear William and Co.,

This is the proposed cover for the training Field Manual the we have discussed. I sent you this as a draft cover to remind you.

May I ask you to outline the various subject matters that you fell are essential to include in the manual now that you have the experience of working from the begging of forming a gospel Church (s). Please outline

the important matters that you uncounted to include in the Field Manual.

The content I am asking you to draft out . It is to be written from your experience. And we can produce, and supply, any reference books that we wish to use as study text. Draw you subject matter for Louise Berkhof and use his work as a text book. He is from the USA and I will be able to reference his teaching by reference t the works of Dr. John Gill, to help British and European students. My proposal is for you to use it in you work at you Theological Institute, and in your internet studies and lessons and to make use of the manual as a reference book here in the UK, and among up and coming ministers and believers. It could also be useful for Christians converted in the prison, to give them some idea of the problem of a gospel minister. I wish also to send it to Anil Anwar, a minister in Pakistan in order to encourage them in systematic studies.

I am including reminders of what we have disused in the Past all hyper linked to our published material, including Louise Berkhof and my reference to the Difficulties Associated With Articles of Religion. May I ask you to draft an outline of the various subject matters that you believe, from your experience, and that you have found important to produce such a the Field Manual.

David Clarke
Your In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Septermber 26th 2021

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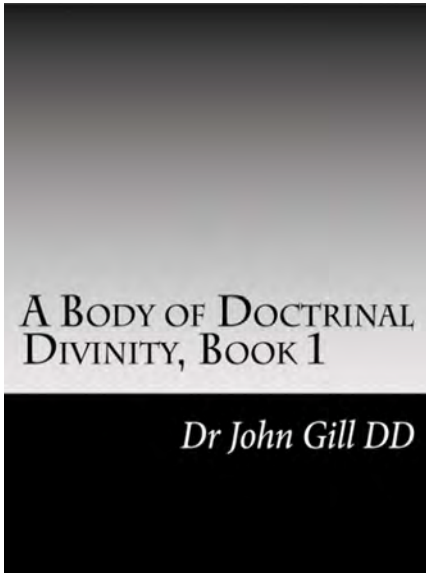	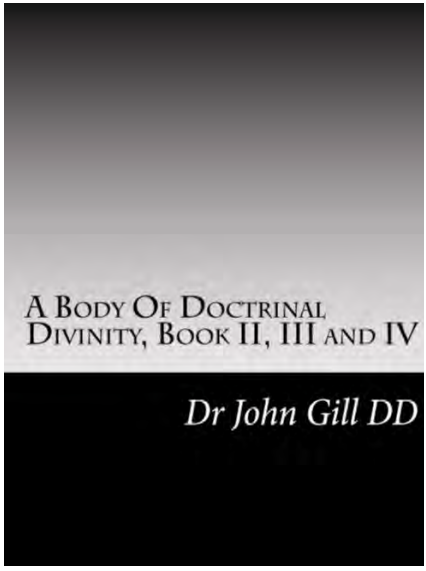
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Chapter 7 Of The Life Of God.
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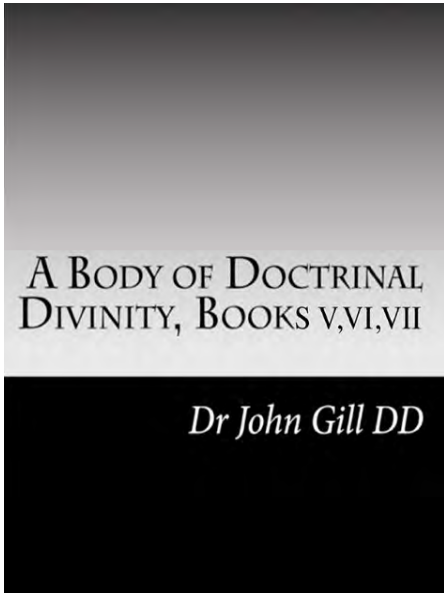

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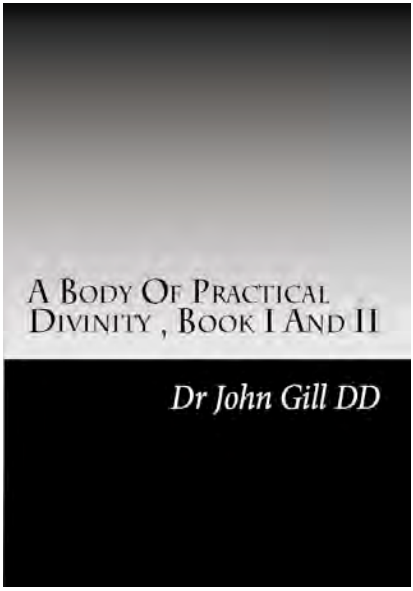	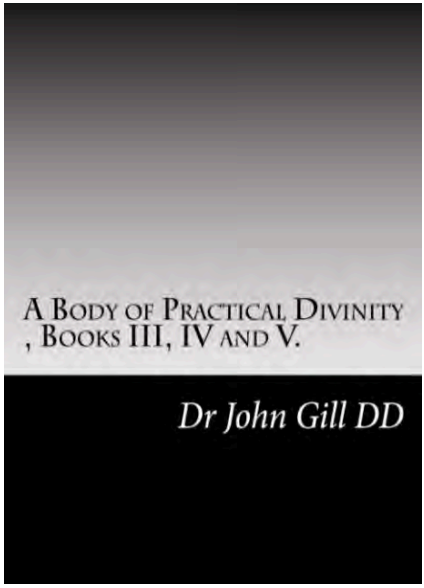
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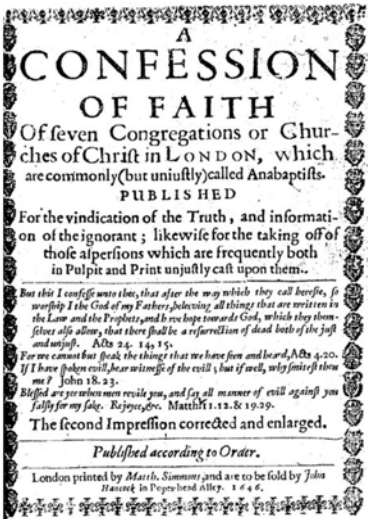

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If I have spoken evill, bear witnesse of the evill; but if well, why smitest thou me? John 18.23.
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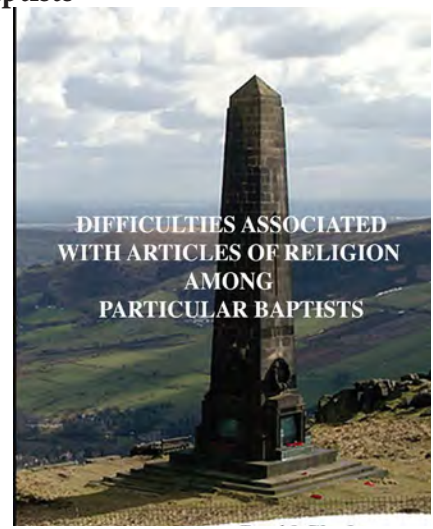
2 FIRST LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION 1646, 2nd EDITION

The Second edition is better than the first confession as it is much les legalistic but strong in the teaching of salvation (Soteriology) and predestination. This book included a set of recommended readings relating to Reformed theology

DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH ARTICLES OF RELIGION

Among Particular Baptists



By David Clarke

Articles of Religion are important when dealing with matters of the Christian Religion, however problems occur when churches fail to recognize there is a growth in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in any believer. When a person first believes in the Lord Jesus Christ they cannot possibly have a comprehensive knowledge of a churches constitution or its articles of religion, before solemnly subscribing to them. The author David Clarke has introduced the Doctrines of Grace to Bierton Particular Baptists Pakistan, situated in Rahim Yar Khan, Pakistan and bearing in mind his own experience with articles of religion he has compiled Bierton Particular Baptists Pakistan articles of religion from the first Bierton Particular Baptists of 1831,of which he is the sole surviving member, the First London Baptist Confession, 2nd edition 1646, and those of Dr John Gill, in order to avoid some of the difficulties encounter by Particular Baptist during the later part of the 19 century and since. This booklet highlights the problem and suggests the Bierton Particular Baptists Pakistan is as step in the right direction.

Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

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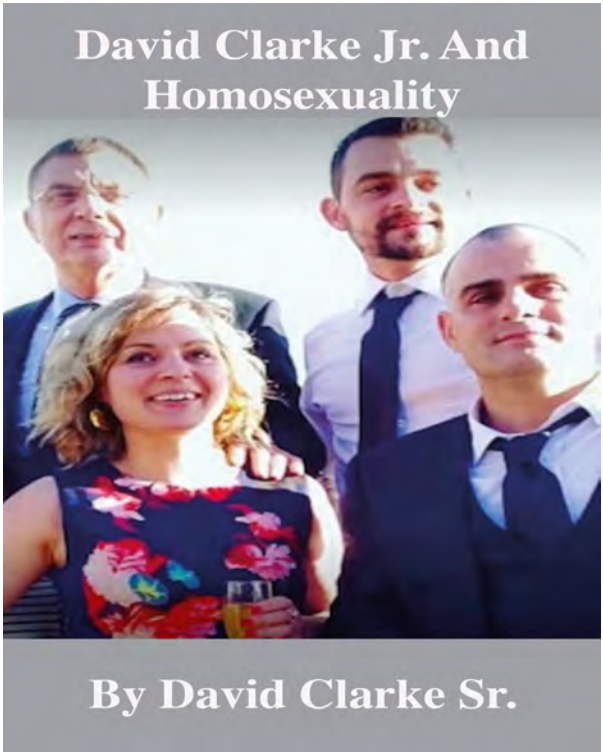


David Clarke Snr.

Homosexuality, Same sex marriage and sexual misbehaviours are taught as normal practices in schools, in the U.K. all of which are contrary to the gospel of Christ. How ever teachers are not allowed to pass on their views, moral judgments, or opinions on to their students, through fear of disciplinary action and so called political correctness. All due to certain

pressure groups who wish to promote and allow a range of immoral practices which are opposed to Christ, in our society.

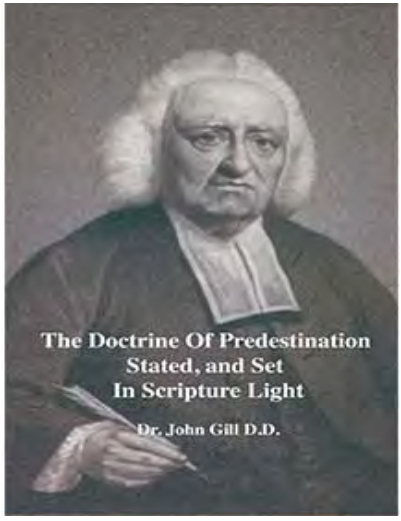
However since this prohibition does not apply the fathers and mothers this is how I dealt with the problem of homo sexuality that presented itself in our family. I took the occassion to deal wth this directly in my family.

This presentation reocrds how I deal with the problem that presented it self and how I gave this address to my family who lived in Dubia.

In January 2023, the matter of homosexuality was raised and discussed at a meeting in an Anglican church, called Holy Rood, meeting at Stubbington Hampshire, UK, seeking to pave the way to make the demands of the LGBT activity acceptable in the Christian world. This book presents my response to such un-Christian ways.

THE DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION

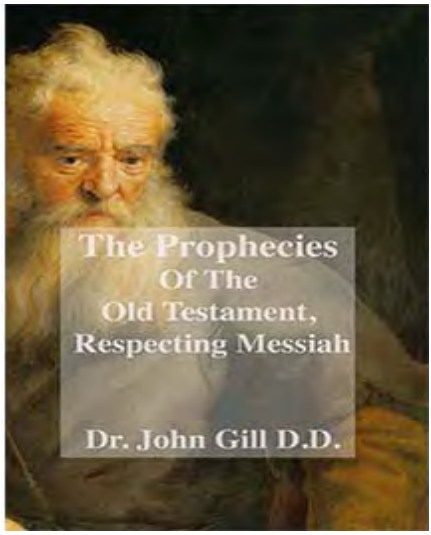
SET IN SCRIPTURAL LIGHT



Dr. John Gill

This matter of predestination was set forth by Dr. John Gill against John Wesley who denied the truth of the predestination of some to eternal life by Jesus Christ.

PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT RESPECTING THE MESSIAH



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Concerning the second coming of Christ. The publisher introduces a fulfilled view of prophecy.

LET CHRISTIAN MEN BE MEN

David Clarke

Let Christian Men Be Men was originally published in The Bierton Crisis and is the personal story of David Clarke a member of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist church. He was also the church secretary and minister sent by the church to preach the gospel in 1982. The Bierton Church was formed in 1832 and was a Gospel Standard cause who's rules of membership are such that only the church can terminate ones membership. This tells of a crisis that took place in the church in 1984, which led to some members withdrawing support. David, the author, was one of the members who withdrew but the church did not terminate his membership as they wished him return. This story tells in detail about those errors in doctrine and practices that had crept into the Bierton church and of the lengths taken to put matters right. David maintained and taught Particular Redemption and that the gospel was the rule of life for the believer and not the law of Moses as some church members maintained. This story tells of the closure of the Bierton chapel when David was on mission work in the Philippines in December 2002 and when the remaining church members died. It tells how David was encouraged by the church overseer to return to Bierton and re-open the chapel. On David's return to the UK he learned a newly unelected set of trustees had take over the responsibility for the chapel and were seeking

to sell it. The story tells how he was refused permission to re open or use the chapel and they sold it as a domestic dwelling, in 2006. These trustees held doctrinal views that opposed the Bierton church and they denied David's continued membership of the church in order to lay claim too and sell the chapel, using the money from the sale of the chapel for their own purposes. David hopes that his testimony will promote the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, as set out in the doctrines of grace, especially Particular Redemption and the rule of life for the believer being the gospel of Christ, the royal law of liberty, and not the law of Moses as some reformed Calvinists teach, will be realized by the reader. His desire is that any who are called to preach the gospel should examine their own standing and ensure that they can derive from scripture the doctrines and practices they teach and advance and that they can derived the truths they teach from scripture alone and not from the traditions of men or their opinions however well they may be thought of.

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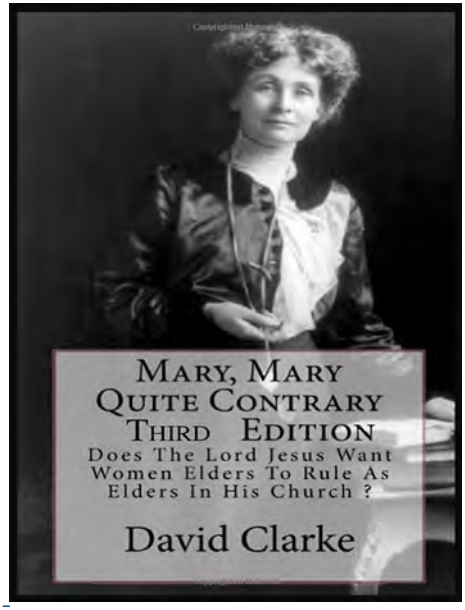

Second Edition: Does The Lord Jesus Want Women To Rule As Elders In His Church ? ?

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When treating the subject of women elders in the church we are not dealing with the affairs of a secular society and so it has nothing to do with women's rights, equality of sex or race in the world. This matter only relates to men and women in a Christian church. It is about the rules of the house of God, which is the church of the living God and rules for those who are members of the body of Christ and members of an heavenly county. **The Suffragettes** Emmeline Pankhurst 1858 -1928) was a Suffragette and worked very hard to bring equal rights for women to vote as men. In the year of her death all women over 21 gained the right to vote. The Suffragette movement brought about many changes for the better in a secular society but not so for women seeking to follow Christian principles. One of her famous quotes was, "Trust in God She shall provide". Terms which do not reflect Christian beliefs. We know God will provide and He is not a she. In the USA and the UK, women's political rights were brought into general political consciousness by the suffragettes and since then there have been legal rights granted to the Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups, same sex marriages, along with the development of the feminist movement and the appointment of persons from the LBGT community to responsible positions in the Church of England. All of this has caused conflict in the Christian community due to differences beliefs of right and wrong. This book seeks to show what the bible has to say about the role of women in the church and family. Since these rules are taught by the Apostles of Christ they are the word of God to us and we should obey. The secular world may differ and turn from the narrow path taught in scripture but we should follow the word of God, this is our wisdom.

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CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

David Clarke who had a three-year career of undetected crime, experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering from the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury magistrates, on Tuesday. After wrestling with his conscience for a year, he confessed to 24 crimes, and gave information leading to the recovery of over £1000 worth of stolen property. In court he pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a £300 colour television set from an old peoples home, a £20 spray gun, and a hydraulic jack. He asked for 21 other charges to be taken into consideration, including stealing a builders shed, two cars, and an electric arc welder, two other TV sets, two compressors, and a road trailer. Clarke (21) of Finmere Crescent said that **his reputation in the town had been that of a man who was enjoying himself. "I used to sell drugs to young people, and indulge in permissive sex"** he declared.

Seeking Truth

"Religion to me was rubbish, and for sissy people who could not stand on their own feet", he said.

David Could these boys do any real wrong ? Michael

"Within my heart I was searching for truth, and a meaning to life". He had good prospects of getting on in life he went on but **"I was not satisfied with what I had. I** was **greedy, selfish and boastful".** Clarke had been using pep pills, and marijuana since he was 16 he told the court, but it was after taking LSD that he experienced, what he described as, **"a major thing in my life".** He described the "torment" he suffered, as a result of taking the drug, and went on **"I warn any young person who hears my testimony, "The effects of LSD are so bad, and I warn you to stay clear".** While in this condition he said he, "Called on the name of Jesus" and his torment went from him.

Voice Of Christ

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as clearly as I speak here today saying, "David, I am with you", he said. **"What you have been going through is nothing compared to what hell is like".** Mr Murray, of Manor Crescent Wendover said he was habitually sceptical of sudden conversions, and preferred to put them to the test of time. The time, which had elapsed, since Clarke's profession of faith had convinced him that this young man would now be salt and light to society. "He is in truth, a new man, and had experienced what Christ called a second birth". Murray said Clarke now put himself out to be of assistance, read the bible intensely, always carried a New Testament, attended a wide circle of churches and would spend hours in discussion on spiritual things.

Difficulty

Clarke's difficulty during the months spent deciding how to make amends for his past had been the problem of accusing himself, without informing on others..

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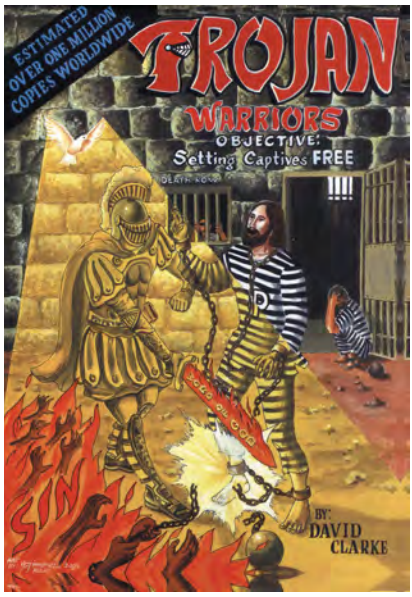
By David Clarke (Author) 3rd Edition Paperback – 3 Jun. 2020

This third edition of, 'Converted on LSD Trip', is written to bring attention to the reality of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, in changing the lives of David Clarke, whilst on a bad trip on LSD, on 16th January 1970, and the life of his brother Michael Clarke, some 30 years later, when a prisoner, in the Philippines, and making them evangelist workers seeking to teach the gospel of Christ to men. It is intended to use this book as a tool for evangelism in order to encourage others in the work of preaching the gospel of Christ to men. This is also intended to draw attention to the work of Jesus Christ now in Baguio City, Philippines , by William O. Poloc a former inmate of New Bilibid Prison. It is believed and stressed that it is important to teach the traditional Christian doctrines of grace, to combat the error of modern-day Godliness, unbelief, homosexuality, feminism, Islam and of the importance of teaching the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the infallibility of the word of God

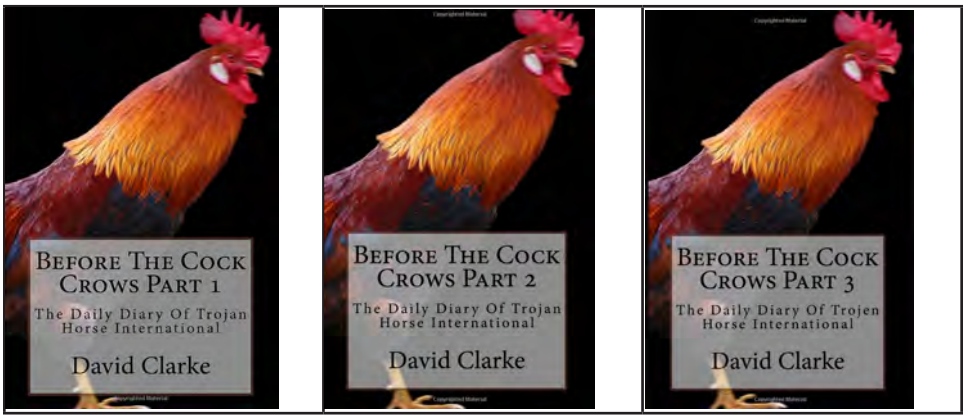


Setting Captives Free
Authored by Mr David Clarke Cert Ed, Authored by Mr Michael J Clarke

Trojan Warriors is a true story of two brothers, Michael and David Clarke, who are brought up in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. They became criminals in the 60's and were sent to prison for malicious wounding and carrying a fire arm without a license, in 1967. They both turned from their lives of crimes in remarkable ways but some 25 years apart, and then they worked together helping other prison inmates, on their own roads of reformation. David the younger brother became a Christian, after a bad experience on LSD, in 1970, and then went on to educate himself and then on to Higher Education. He became a baptist minister and taught electronics for over 20 years, in colleges of Higher and Further Education. Michael however remained untouched and continued his flamboyant life style ending up serving a 16 year prison sentence, in the Philippines, in 1996, where he died of tuberculosis in 2005. When David heard the news of his brothers arrest on an ITN television news bulletin he felt compelled to wrote their story. And then when he heard of his own brothers conversion from crime to Christ, after serving 5 year of his sentence, he published their story in his book, "Converted on LS Trip", and directed a mission of help to the Philippines to assist his brother. This book tells the story of this mission. They then worked together with many former notorious criminals, who

were inmates in New Bilibid Prison, who too had become Christians and turned their lives around. This help was to train them to become preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ . This book contains the 66 testimonies of some of these men who convicted former criminals, incarcerated in New Bilibid Prison. They are the, "Trojan Warriors", who had turned their lives around and from crime to Christ. Twenty two of these testimonies are men who are on Death Row scheduled to be executed by lethal injection. Revelation 12 verse 11: And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death.

BEFORE THE COCK CROWS PART 1, 2 AND 3.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By David Clarke

David Clarke the Director of Trojan Horse International CM encountered remarkable opposition from various quarters in New Bilibid Prison, Muntinlupa City Philippines between October 2002 and July 2003. Most of those who opposed the mission were men from among Asia's most notorious criminals in the National Penitentiaries, which is situated on the Reservation at Muntinlupa City, 1770, Philippines. If one were to judge the success of the mission by that amount of opposition that it experienced, then the mission was a remarkable success. Newton stated that to every force there is an equal but opposite one to oppose it and like Newton, David suggests that to every proactive work there is and equal but opposite reaction and so if this reaction were to be the measure of success, then the mission was remarkably successful. It also serves to demonstrate that God always triumphs. That God saves, not by might, but by His Spirit. That God puts to fight thousands of his enemies and empowers the one's and two's, that trust in Him in order to show that Salvation is truly of the Lord.

This prison comprises of three Compounds and penal farms housing over 23,550 inmates, which are all under the control of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Bureau of Corrections. (BUCOR). The Chaplaincy, headed by Msgr. Helley Barrido, is responsible for all religious groups and voluntary work done within the Prison."Death Row" is in the Maximum Security Compound where over 1200 men are housed and they are all under the sentence of death. Some are doubly confirmed and due to be put to death by lethal injection. Trojan Horse International C.M. was established in the early part of 2001 and composed of a team of two from England, David Clarke and Gordon John Smith. The mission was set up as a Christian ministry, seeking to bring assistance to Michael John Clarke, David's older brother, and many inmates at the Prison. This was where Michael had been incarcerated, for a crime he did not commit, and was serving a prison sentence of 16 years. He had been baptized as a Christian. In an old 45-gallon US Oil drum, on the 16th September 2000 in the Maximum Compound. Michael, like his brother David, had been converted from crime to Christ whilst suffering the bitter effects of this form of injustice in the Philippines. How ever Michaels conversion was some thirty years after David who had been brought up in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and had been converted from crime to Christ, at the age of 20 years old, on the 16th January 1970.

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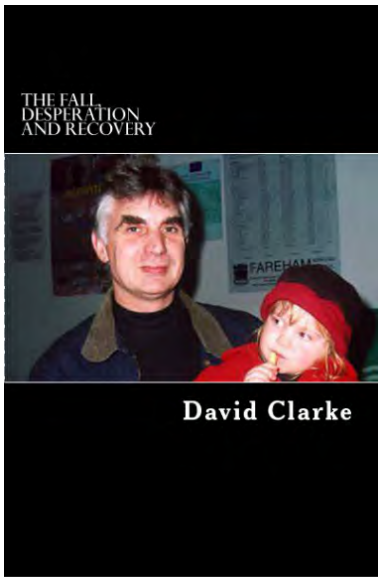

By Mr David Clarke

David encountered great conflicts of conscience whilst at the Bierton Strict

and Particular Baptists Church and seceded over matters of conscience. For two years he wondered what the future held for him and wondered about the direction that he should go. This led him to severe depression thinking that God had rejected him and then to a desperate state of mind resulting in him turning away from God and to open sin. This is the continuing story of David life as told in his book , "Converted on LSD Trip", and relates the journey that led to his fall, the desperation, recovery and restoration to faith in Christ . He tells of the good news he received of his brother Michael and his conversion from crime to Christ, that took place 5 years into a 16 year prison sentence, in the Philippines. This was 30 years after David 's own conversion from crime to Christ, which was the moving factor behind publishing his book, "Converted on LSD Trip." David believes this book will be very useful for people of all ages who wish to see the hand of God at work and in particular for those learning the Christian faith.

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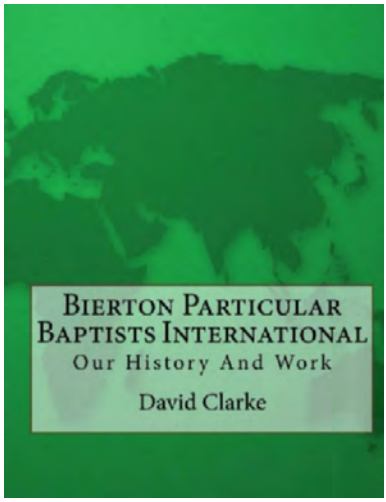

Our History And Work

Authored by David Clarke

Bierton Particular Baptists were founded in England in 1831 and has now extended to Pakistan. The chapel belonging to Bierton Particular Baptists was closed for worship in December 2002 and David Clarke, the sole remaining member of the Bierton church, commissioned and appointed Anil Anwar and Anwar Shahid John as over seers, of Bierton Particular Baptist church, in Pakistan, in 2016. This book contains the articles of religion for Bierton Particular Baptists and the Bierton Particular Baptist College. Bierton

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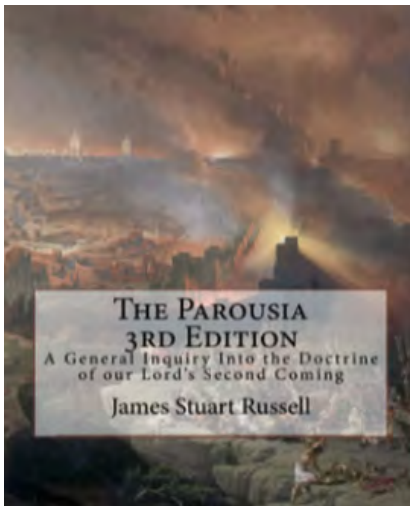
Bierton Particular Baptists Pakistan is the first in Pakistan and founded by David Clarke. Mr Clarke is the sole surviving member of Bierton Particular Baptist, founded in 1831, in England, and was a Gospel Standard Cause. This book tells of the formation of Bierton Particular Baptist Pakistan 2016 along with the formation of a Minister Bible college. David Clarke appointed minister Anil Anwar and Anwar Shahid John of Rahim Yar Khan, as overseers work and the articles of religion and doctrinal foundation are those to the Bierton Particular Baptists 1831.

In these we express our belief in the sovereignty of God in creation and redemption and hold to Calvinistic soteriology. We also encourage those interested to investigate Covenant Eschatology, as a means of clearing up some of the many strange views held by some that teach end times theology. This magazine has been published to help Christians encourage and educate each other, in a way free from censorship. We encourage feedback and wish our readers to contribute further articles for publication. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal son of the living God who alone is the saviour of mankind whether **Muslim Gentile or Jew**.

THE PAROUSIA



James Stuart Russell

James Stuart Russell's, 'High Praise For The Parousia', is an excellent work that looks at the New Testament teaching of the second coming of Jesus Christ, and the book of Revelation tells of those events leading up to and including his coming. Luke 23, verse 28. But Jesus turning into them said. 'Daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me, but weep for your selves and

for your children. 29. For behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. 20 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains fall on us and to the hills cover us. 30. For if they do these things in the green tree what shall be done in the dry? The book of Revelation is a prophecy that Jesus gave to the Apostle John before the Neuronic persecution in 66 .A.D. He was told to write and inform the seven churches in Asia about those things that were shortly about to come to pass in his day. It relates to those things leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and immediately afterwards. It told of the judgment God, styled the Day of Vengeance, on the city called Babylon for her sins and breach of the first Covenant. This Babylon was the city of Jerusalem who's people and leaders had rejected the Lord Jesus Christ and turned their back on the Mosaic covenant. The day of vengeance was day when the cup of God's wrath that was poured out on her who was called Mystery Babylon, The Mother of Harlots and this was to bring an end of rule of the Mosaic Law, bringing it to its fulfillment as Jesus had said I come not to destroy the law but to furl the Law and to bring in the New Covenant order called the law of Christ. It is impossible to understand the book of Revelation if one takes for granted that the date of its writing was after the fall and destruction by Titus, in 70 A.D. Most scholars assume the book was written about 96 A.D. 16 years after the event and so it has become impossible for them to establish a correct interpretation of the book.

Ed Stevens

FOREWORD BY EDWARD E. STEVENS

The word "Parousia" (**par-oo-see-ah)** is not a household word, but students of end time prophecy know it is a reference to the Second Coming of Christ. It comes from two Greek words ("**para**" beside, and "**ousia**" state of being) and literally means "to be beside" (present with someone). It came to be a more specific reference to important people coming for an extended (but not long-term) visit to one of their subject territories (a "visitation"). It can refer either to the initial arrival or the afterward presence. It is used in the New Testament almost exclusively of Christ's Second Coming.

Russell examines every significant New Testament text about Christ's return, to see when it would occur and what it would be like. Since he believed the Second Coming occurred in the first century at the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, his view is labeled "Preterist."

The word "Preterist" is another prophetic term with which many are unfamiliar. According to Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a Preterist is "a theologian who believes the prophecies of the Apocalypse have already

been fulfilled." A Preterist is the opposite of a Futurist. Futurists teach that the three major end time events (parousia, resurrection, judgment) are still future in fulfillment, whereas Preterists teach these events have already been fulfilled. Some may wonder what difference it makes?

Everything crucial to Christianity is at risk. The Deity of Christ, the integrity of the apostles and prophets, and the inspiration of the New Testament is at stake. How so?

Jesus and the NT writers repeatedly make time- restricted predictions about His return and the other end time events. They do not merely suggest that Christ's Parousia might occur in their lifetime, they unequivocally affirm it.

Liberals, skeptics, and Jewish/Islamic critics use those "time statements" to discredit Jesus and the New Testament. Inspired men cannot make mistakes. Since Jesus and the NT writers predicted Christ's return to occur in their lifetime, and it supposedly didn't happen, they assume Jesus and the NT writers were mistaken.

Indeed, if we cannot trust their prophetic utterances, we cannot trust anything else they say. Christianity is totally discredited if those predictions failed to materialize exactly as they prophesied.

You might wonder what these "time texts" are? Matthew 16:27-28 is a good example. This book deals with every one of them. They were not mistaken when they predicted Christ's return in their lifetime. It really occurred, at AD 70.

Theologians who study end time prophecy consider Russell's book a classic defense of the Preterist view. It is this book, more than any other during the past 125 years, which has moved so many toward Preterism.

Many in the Reformed faith (e.g., R. C. Sproul, Sr., David Chilton, Gary DeMar, Ken Gentry, Gary North, Jim Jordan, et al) credit Russell's book as having a significant impact on their eschatological views. R. C. Sproul, Sr. says he looks favorably at Preterism because it is the only view of prophecy which effectively counters the liberal-skeptic-critic attack. He has written much to recommend Russell's book and encourage the spread of Preterism, even though he does not go as far as Russell does. In his Foreword to the 1999 Baker Books reprint of The Parousia (pp. ix-x), Sproul says:

Russell's work is valuable chiefly for his analysis of the time-frame references of New Testament prophecy and his understanding of the main reference to the parousia. ...Russell's book has forced me to take the events surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem far more seriously than before, to open my eyes to the radical significance of this event in redemptive history. It vindicates the apostolic hope and prediction of our Lord's close-at hand

coming in judgment.... I can never read the New Testament again the same way I read it before reading The Parousia.

Until this book appeared in 1878, Preterism had little systemization. This book began that process, and remains one of the most consistent and comprehensive explanations of Preterism available. The Preterist view flourished in Germany and Britain. But America, still recovering from civil war, took little notice. In global terms, its impact is still marginal, but it has seen significant growth in the past ten years, and the Internet is one of the big factors stimulating that. What the Gutenberg printing press did for the Protestant reformation, the Internet did for the Preterist reformation.

The Internet is the perfect place to publish helpful material like this. One of the first books to be posted on Preterist websites was Russell's Parousia. Even though the electronic version has had many readers in the short five years it has been available, it has not diminished demand for printed copies. This book is destined to remain a Preterist classic.

Russell did a remarkable job of interpretation compared to previous centuries. He pointed the way in a number of areas that we are only just now beginning to develop further. He devoted over 170 pages to the book of Revelation. One of his best statements is there. He uses the "time" statements in the first three verses of Revelation to show how crucial the date of writing is to the interpretation of the book:

It may truly be said that the key has all the while hung by the door, plainly visible to every one who had eyes to see; yet men have tried to pick the lock, or force the door, or climb up some other way, rather than avail themselves of so simple and ready a way of admission as to use the key made and provided for them. (Parousia, p. 367)

Russell leaves no excuses for Futurism. His survey of all the "Parousia" (second coming) references is a tour de force in Preterist exegesis. This book was the first wave of what has become a whole storm of books defending the AD 70 fulfillment of end time prophecy.

Futurists and Partial Preterists for too long have hidden behind the excuse of wanting explicit "time indicators" before assigning a text to AD 70. Russell and modern Preterists have exhaustively shown that all NT end time texts have first century "audience relevance" written all over them, which functions as an implicit time indicator. The New Testament was not written to us originally. We are reading someone else's mail. The primary task of a Bible interpreter is to discover what the original author intended to communicate to his original audience, not just to ask what it "could" mean to us today.

THREE DIFFICULT TEXTS SIMPLIFIED

There are three scriptures which most partial preterists think are yet to be fulfilled: Acts 1:11, 1 Cor. 15:20-57, and 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Russell shows that an AD 70 fulfillment is the most consistent interpretation of these texts. However, he does not deal very much with Acts 1:11. As a result, many Futurists and Partial Preterists have used this text to teach another major return of Christ still in the future. Modern Preterists have now shown that these three texts contain implicit time indicators and contextual clues which connect them inseparably to the Parousia and final consummation in AD 70. For a fuller explanation of these three texts from a Preterist perspective, see the three books written by this author (Stevens Response To Gentry, Questions 5 About The Afterlife, and Expectations Demand A Rapture).

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In those books, we deal especially with the typological imagery of Christ's ascension into the cloud- filled heavenly Holy of Holies to present His own blood to make final atonement, and His "second appearance" back out of the heavenly temple to announce atonement to His anxiously waiting saints. The Acts 1:11 reference to the return of Christ is easy to apply to AD 70 when we realize it is speaking of the reverse of the visible ascent of Christ in Theophany form. His descent would follow the same Theophany pattern as His ascent, meaning that it would be visible like His departure. He ascended visibly with clouds and angels in the presence of a few disciples, and the two angels (Acts 1:10-11) promised that He would descend visibly "in like manner" in that same Theophany pattern to only those disciples whom He wished to see it. Both the going away and the return were "cloud comings" (Theophanies) accompanied by angels. He left the same way He would return (in clouds with the angels) to appear to his anxiously waiting disciples ("How long, O Lord?" and "O, our Lord, come!"). They expected His return before all of that generation died. Some of them were promised to remain alive until His return, and that they would literally "see" it before they all died (Matt. 16:27-28 and John 21:22f).

Even some partial preterists (e.g. Kenneth Gentry in his book, Before Jerusalem Fell) have agreed that Rev. 1:7 (which mentions a "cloud coming" or Theophany which "every eye would see") was fulfilled in AD 70. Since most expositors connect Rev. 1:7 with Acts 1:11, it seems reasonable to assign both Rev. 1:7 and Acts 1:11 to the visible Theophany that was seen by the Jewish people just before the war in AD 66. Notice what R. C. Sproul, Sr. said about the angelic appearances in the sky in AD 66 and its connection to Rev. 1:7 – "...theop Old Testament prophets, when speaking of a real historical visitation of God in judgment upon cities and nations, used exactly this kind of language in a metaphorical way to describe that coming

of divine judgment.... As some 19th century scholars...Jonathan Edwards...B. B. Warfield and others have suggested, what Jesus is talking about here on the Mount of Olives [Matt. 24:3] ...is the end of the Jewish age. And that the coming that he's talking about, and that he's warning these contemporaries about over and over again... that was coming on that generation...was the judgment of God that was coming on Jerusalem and the temple in the year 70 AD.... Was Jesus visible? Did "every eye see him" [Rev. 1:7] and all of that? No. Although, one of the weirdest passages you ever read in ancient history is the paragraph that is found in Josephus [Wars, Bk 6, Ch 5, Sect. 3]. I quote it in my book [The Last Days According to Jesus, p. 124]... After talking about some remarkable, astonishing celestial events that some people had reported, he said, "Besides these a few days after that feast, on the one-and-twentieth day of the month Artemisius ...before the setting of the sun, chariots and troops of soldiers in their armor were seen running about among the clouds...." ...The overwhelming testimony of the contemporaries (and he was there as an eyewitness) was that people did see something in the clouds. And what is it they saw? They saw chariots. Is that the first time the chariot throne of God is seen in the clouds over Palestine? What took Elijah to heaven? What were the whirling merkabahs [chariots] Ezekiel beheld? Was not the basic symbol in the Old Testament of the movable judgment throne of God, his chariots of fire? And here we have the testimony of many, many people saying they saw these chariots running about the clouds right before the end of Jerusalem. ...It lends credence to the further application of Jesus' predictions of what would come in this judgment of the nation of Israel and of the city of Jerusalem..." [R. C. Sproul, Sr. "Last Days Madness" speech, 1999 Ligonier Ministries National Conference in Orlando. Bracketed material inserted by the author of this Foreword.]

Eusebius (Ecclesiastical History, Bk 3, Ch 8, Section 5) quotes this same material from Josephus, and Tacitus (Histories, Book 5, "About The Jews") alludes to the same events. Sproul's comments stimulate several thoughts. If Rev. 1:7 was fulfilled by the appearance of angels and chariots in the sky at AD 66, and if Acts 1:11 is speaking of the same judgment coming (or cloud coming, Theophany) of Christ, then what text teaches a still future visible coming of Christ? If the angelic armies literally seen in the clouds at AD 66 were the fulfillment of "every eye shall see Him" (Rev. 1:7) as Sproul has allowed as a possibility, then it was also the fulfillment of Acts 1:11! In Matt 16:27-28, which R. C. Sproul, Sr. affirms is AD 70, it states that some of those disciples would not taste death until they saw Christ return. It therefore seems logical that the visible coming of Christ at AD 66-70 which is mentioned in Matt. 16:27-28 must be the same coming dealt with in both

Rev. 1:7 and Acts 1:11.

The commander of the angelic hosts (Christ) was present with His angelic armies on that occasion (AD 66), just like Rev. 19:11-21 pictures for us. This was the visible return of Christ with His angels to judge His enemies and reward His saints, as both Rev. 1:7 and Acts 1:11 had predicted. Matt. 24:29-31 and Luke 21:25-28 also indicated there would be visible "signs" accompanying the return of Christ with His angels to raise the dead out of Hades, perform the judgment, and reward His faithful saints. This fulfills the "in like manner" terms of the Acts 1:11 text. Both Rev. 1:7 and Acts 1:11 fit the Matt. 16:27-28 "visibility" pattern.

It is also clear from the similarities between 1 Cor. 15 and 1 Thess. 4 that these two "parousia" texts are speaking of the same AD 70 return of Christ. Since both texts state that the resurrection will occur in connection with the "parousia" (1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thess. 4:15-17), and since the NT does not distinguish between two different parousia's separated by thousands of years, and since this parousia is said to occur in the lifetime of some who would "live and remain" until it occurred (1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 4:15), then it is clear that these two texts were fulfilled in AD 70. This forces some adjustment in our concepts about the nature of fulfillment once we get the time of fulfillment straightened out. All three of these difficult second coming texts have been explained from a consistent AD 70 fulfillment. This leaves partial preterists nowhere to hide. We can thank Russell for pointing the way toward this approach to these three texts.

A LITERAL RAPTURE

Another area in which Russell greatly served the interests of future generations was the rapture. Four other scholars within a generation of Russell also taught the idea of a literal rapture in AD 70 (Milton S. Terry, E. Hampden-Cook, Richard Weymouth, and William S. Urmy). There are minor differences in the way each of these men described it, but all agreed there was a removal of some true Christians in connection with the return of Christ in AD 70. Modern advocates of a literal AD 70 rapture (such as Garrett Brown, Walt Hibbard, Arthur Melanson, Ian Harding, Ed Stevens, and others) go further to assert that all true Christians (and nothing but true Christians) alive at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem were "snatched away" to be with Christ in the spiritual realm. Russell suggested that only some Christians were caught up – a "partial rapture" with the sleepers or unwatchful Christians left on earth. But it seems from Jesus' sharp criticism of that group in Matthew 25 (and in the book of Revelation) that the sleepers or unwatchful were not true Christians. The tribulation and apostasy eliminated the insincere. By the time of the rapture the only watchful,

awake, and "worthy ones" were the true Christians. There would have been few (if any) pretenders and "mere professing Christians." So in either view, the group of saints actually raptured is basically the same, whether we see it as only the watchful Christians, or as true Christians only.

The arguments we all use to establish the necessity of a literal rapture in AD 70 are exactly the same. The strongest arguments are the Biblical "expectation statements." Scripture alone is our standard, not scripture plus history, tradition or anything else. The only authoritative material that we can use to make any final decisions about what did or did not occur in AD 70 is the Bible. If it says the Parousia was going to occur in AD 70, that should be enough. We shouldn't have to be convinced by history or any external arguments. If the text of scripture says something is going to occur within a certain time frame, then we are bound to believe it, regardless of whether we can find external historical or traditional support for it, and regardless of whether our credulity is stretched to the breaking point. The same thing happened in the field of archaeology in regard to the Hittites and Darius the Mede. The Bible was the only evidence we had for the existence of these people for a long time, yet that did not make advocates of sola scriptura doubt the veracity of the Bible. So for sincere believers, the question boils down to this: What did the NT writers believe, teach, and expect to see, hear, and experience at the Parousia? Did they expect to experience the Parousia in any conscious way? Did they expect to "know" it had occurred afterwards? Or did they expect it to happen totally in the invisible realm without being consciously aware of it in any way? It is these Biblical "expectation statements" that also need to be examined, not just the "time statements."

We Preterists have pressed Futurists with the "time statements," and rightly so, because they are "sola scriptura" arguments. They are Biblical statements that need to be dealt with. So are the "expectation statements." What the "time statements" do for Preterism in general, the "expectation statements" do for the rapture view in particular. The time statements nail down the "time" of the parousia and its related events, while the expectation statements reveal the content and "nature" of those events in the experience of the Church.

Just because the Parousia may not have been validated historically in the way some might have preferred, it never stopped us from seeing it as a fulfilled "fact." The "time statements" forced us to believe that it must have occurred, regardless of a lack of historical confirmation. Even if we are unable to find external historical proof for a literal rapture in AD 70, it does not invalidate the Bible's affirmation of it. Our concern is simply, "What does

Scripture actually teach?"

Rapture advocates have been accused of teaching a rapture based only on external historical "arguments from silence." Not so! Scripture is the driving force. The expectation statements are Biblical arguments, just like the time statements. The time statements help establish the time of fulfillment, while the expectation statements help determine the nature of fulfillment. As you study the following list of Biblical passages, find the answers to these two questions: (1) What does Jesus say is actually going to be seen and experienced by His saints at the Parousia? (2) What do the NT writers and pre-70 Christians indicate that they were expecting to actually see and experience at the Parousia? (Matt. 16:27-28; 19:28; 24:31; John 14:2-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 2 Cor. 5:1-4; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2:1; and 1 Jn. 3:2). These texts show clearly what the first century Church expected to experience at the Parousia.

Paul said that when Christ would come to cast His enemies "away from His presence" and gather His saints (2 Thess. 1:6–2:1), that the saints would "marvel at Him" in His presence and in the presence of all who have believed, and Christ would be glorified by their collective presence with Him "on that day." That doesn't sound like a very silent occasion to me. Did they fail to "recognize the time of His visitation" and remain silent (as if it had not occurred). They should have been celebrating and proclaiming the fulfillment of His Parousia (if they were still around). There is a strange silence here, at the very time when we would have expected anything but silence, when they said they would be marveling at Christ in His presence. Their silence does not match their expectations, unless they were doing those things in the heavenly realm (no longer on the earthly scene).

If all living Christians remained on earth after AD 70, why didn't some of those who saw these incredible events in AD 70 say something about it? Why the silence, if they were still around? Russell and the other four scholars mentioned above proposed the literal rapture to explain that silence. Silence is not a significant argument all by itself. But as Sherlock Holmes would agree in the case of the dog that didn't bark when a supposed outsider broke in, sometimes silence is significant, especially when the circumstances would force us to expect otherwise. Expectations demand our attention even in the case of silence, if the Bible clearly teaches us to expect something other than silence. And it does.

For more in depth studies of the rapture at the parousia in AD 66-70, see this author's book entitled, Expectations Demand A Rapture, and the excellent series of articles written by Ian Harding.

THE MILLENNIUM

Russell was uncomfortable with any view of the Millennium which ended at AD 70 (p. 514). He considered such a short duration of the millennium (40 years or less) to be "so violent and unnatural that we cannot hesitate to reject it" (p. 514). He suggested the millennium only began at AD 70 with a limited "first" resurrection and judgment (of the righteous only), and is still ongoing in history and moving toward a yet future final resurrection and judgment of the rest of the dead (the wicked only – p. 518). It seemed to him that the Millennium was "introduced parenthetically" as an exception to the AD 70 time limits of the rest of the book (p. 514).

He noted that some people (such as myself) consider the idea of a Millennium after AD 70 as challenging the imminent time indicators throughout the book of Revelation. We would prefer a 40-year millennium (AD 30-70) which stays within those time limits.

Russell places a flashback to AD 70 at the end of the Millennium (Rev. 20:10), so that the white throne judgment in Rev. 20:11ff takes place in AD 70. Preterists who take the 40-year approach cannot disallow his flashback, since we insert one at the beginning of the millennium.

Russell's millennium interpretation deserves careful consideration. He acknowledged his understanding of it might not be perfect, and held out the hope that succeeding generations "will soon correct what is proved to be erroneous, and confirm what is shown to be right." (p. 535)

In conclusion, I have to repeat how impressed I am with Russell's exegetical work here. Many thousands of Bible students all over the world have been, and will continue to be, blessed by this book. We send this reprint forth with strong encouragement to seriously and objectively consider everything he has to say, and to "search the Scriptures daily to see whether these things are so." (Acts 17:11)

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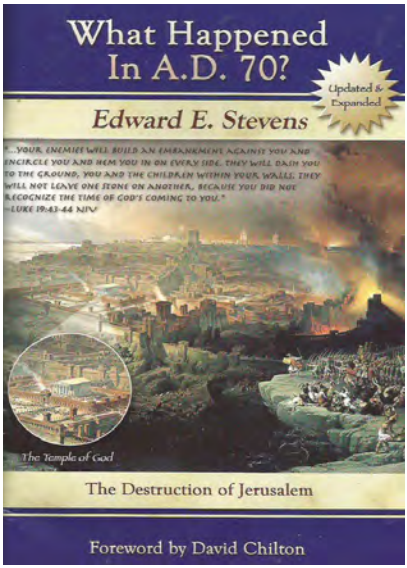
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The Destruction of Jerusalem
Foreword by David Chilton

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This book introduces a view of Bible prophecy which many have found extremely helpful in their Bible study. It explains the end time riddles which have always bothered students of Bible prophecy. It is a **consistent view** which makes the book of Revelation much easier to understand. It establishes when the New Testament canon of scripture was completed, demolishes the liberal attack on the inspiration of the New Testament, and is more **conservative** on most other issues than traditional views. And there is **no compromise** of any essential Biblical doctrine of the Christian faith.

The key to understand any passage of scripture has always been a good grasp of the historical setting in which it was originally written (**audience relevance**). Two thousand yeas from now our history, culture, politics and language will have changed dramatically. Imagine someone then having to learn the ancient language of "American English" to read our USA newspapers! If they saw one of our political cartoons with a donkey and elephant, what would they think? How would they go about understanding it? Not only would they have to study the language, but also our culture, history, politics and economics. The same applies to Bible study. If we are really going to understand what all the "donkeys and elephants" (beasts, harlots, dragons, etc.) Symbolize in the book of Revelation, we will have to seriously and carefully study the language, history, culture and politics of the First Century. Of course, the truths essential for salvation are couched in

simple language that everyone can grasp. But there are numerous scriptures in the Bible which are "hard to understand" (cf. 2 Pet 3:16), and Bible prophecy is one of those things which must be approached with much more focus on the original historical art cultural context (audience relevance)

One of the main purposes of this book is to provide a closer look at the historical framework behind the New Testament. Many hove found it helpful to lay aside (at least temporarily) the legion of speculative opinions about the book of Revelation, and look at a more historical alternative, which is that **the book of Revelation was written to the first century church and had primary relevance to them.** It warned of events that were about to happen in their lifetime, and prepared them for the tribulation and other events associated with the End of the Jewish Age. Atheists, skeptics, Jew, Muslims, and liberal critics of the bible use the supposed failure of those end times events to occur in the First Century to undermine the integrity of Christs and the inspired NT writings.

Non-Christian Jews laugh at this supposed non-occurrence, and use it as evidence that Jesus is not the Messiah. Their forefathers in the flesh rejected Jesus in His first coming because He did not fulfill the Old Testament prophecies in the materialistic and nationalistic way that they were expecting, even though Jesus told them that His Kingdom was not of this world, and that it would be within them instead. Yet it seems that many futurists today are expecting that same kind of materialistic and nationalistic kingdom to arrive at a future return of Christ Are they making the same mistake about the Second Coming that the Jews made about His first coming? Jesus repeatedly said His Kingdom is "not of this world" and that it would "not come with observation." It is a spiritual entity, and it has arrived We live in it. Both futurist Christians and non-Christian Jews need to realize this. Christians are finally beginning to seek alternatives to the fatally flawed **futurist** interpretation. This book introduces the Preterist view.

"Preterist" simply means past in fulfillment It means that Christ has already fulfilled His promise to return and consummate redemption in Himself and His ongoing spiritual kingdom (the church). We should be like the noble-minded Bereans and "search the scriptures daily to see whether these things are true" You might want to have your Bible open alongside as you read.

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William Ola Poloc, was called from natures darkness into God marvellous light, into the kingdom of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. This was whilst he was a prisoner, in New Bilibid Prison, in the Philippines and serving a 14 year prison sentence.

After his conversion, from crime to Christ, he set too to educate himself, with the aid of other inmates, who had become Christians, and began teaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to men.

On his release from prisons, in August 2002, he returned to his own City in Baguio. Philippines, and was commissioned by Christian mission organisation from the United Kingdom, to preach and teach the gospel to inmates in Baguio City and Benguet Provincial Jails.

William and Beth Poloc

William and his wife, who too had become Christian, worked together in gospel ministry and for these past 20 years have established many Christ Centred Churches throughout the Philippines. The book tells this story and relates how many others have been blessed the see the Lord Jesus Christ glorified and introduced to men the ministry of William Ola Poloc.

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